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Marijan Kovacic



Alex Kovacic

Victoria may get

Kovacic

Bv. Kornel Kampean

Marijan Alex Kovacic are set to leave Sydney Croatia on the eve of the N.S.L. As we went to press, Marjan was negotiating with Melbourne Croatia. He is transfer listed at \$20,000.

Melbourne Croatia spokesman Frank Burin said: "I have spoken with Marijan and he is interested in joining us, providing a few problems can be overcome. For exam-ple, he has a good job

CROATIA. HUAK OSING AR

as a graphic designer, and would want some-thing similar in Mel-bourne. We certainly would love to sign him."

him."

Sydney Croatia coach
Attila Abonyl said: "I am
very disappointed to loose
Marjan and Alex but they
could not come to terms
with the club. They were
very firm in their decision
and I sent the transfer request to the Soccer Federation."

Otherwise Abonyi is sat-

isfied with the progress of Sydney Croatia.

"At the end of the season we'll see how good we are," he said to real though, and it is that Steve Watson is the best goalkeeper in the Country and I am pleased to have him."

But the imminent depar-ture of the Kovacic broth-ers, especially Marijan who has been the club's best player for years, has shocked Croatia's fans.

because of a matter of principle and money," Marijan said. "Thave been at the club for nine years but the budget at the club allowed for a payment of only \$2,000 which I consider too low. I don't hold any grudges against the people at the club but I would rather consider premature retirement than staying under those terms." Marijan confirmed that

Marijan confirmed that he had obtained an offer from Melbourne Croatia.

"I am interested in

moving to Melbourne as long as I can play in the N.S.I. At 26 I can still ofter a lot of service.

"I am bitter, though, that Alex, who is only 23 new go a air chance the service of a men of the service of the servic

Peter Boyle set to

ioin Fawkner

By-LAURIE SCHWAB

Peter Boyle and Jimmy Rooney both have been champions in their own right - but apparently they don't see eye to eye.

Rooney, new cosch of Green Gully Ajax, told Soyle before a ball was kicked in 1984, that Boyle would be struggling to get a game in the midfield Rooney envisaged.

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The committee decided that the \$8000 would apply only if Boyle went to an NSL club, but that it would be reduced to "\$4000 negotiable" if he transferred to the State League.

Boyle didn't want to leave Ajax, "I've enjoyed it cremendously here." His contract was up, but although the club had exercised an option on him, he felt that if Rooney didn't want him, he may as well move.

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Former Ajax team mate Gus Macleod, now coach of Pawkner, was the first to make a bid for Boyle, although Broadmeadows following the club had exercised in getting me, "So I said OK. Fawkner's a progressive club, which almost got into the NSL this year. Pm not stepping down very far, because I reckon I'll be back in the NSL with Fawkner in 1885. That's what Pm aiming for."

So Boyle joins Macleod's other recruits, Ged Bannon from Juventus, Gary Hobson and Renol Lia from Croydon, Frank Macleod from Albion Rovers and Neil Garvey from Wilhelmina.



Peter Boyle



Jimmy Rooney

And the list of Ajax de-partures grows. First Paul Lewis, then Peter Lewis, now Peter Boyle. Will Willie Vassallo be next. He said early in the year that he was in two minds about staying in the NSL. He said at the time be might join Broad-meadows.

might join Broad-meadows. The thought that Boyle was leaving must have hurt Ajax officials as they watched him put on a gutsy display against J.U.S.T. in the Buffalo Summer Cup last Wednes-day night.

Aday night.

Ajax lost, but did enough at least to force the game into extra time, but the team hadn't been playing well in earlier matches.

"We've been playing a different type of game. All the forward noves come from the back, where the defenders are supposed to commit the opposing forwards, and build up, going past them with the ball, but we haven't been covering each other when we've gone forward.

"We've also felt the absence of Peter Lewis and

Continued p.10







Joe Picioane Paul Carter Yankos may quit, Carter to switch

Heidelberg-Alexander was trying hard, as we went to Press, to hang onto its star de-fender Charlie Yankos.

And Footscray J.U.S.T. was contin-uing negotiations for Yugoslav star Rade Savic.

Rade Savic.

Yankos, who returned with Alan Davidson recently from England, where he trailled with Brighton, was reported to be unhappy at Heidelberg because it has lost too many senior players and has failed to replace them so far Heidelberg was trying to persuade Vankos to stay. It also was trying to hold Jim Campbell and Jim Tansey, who have been trying to leave since the start of the year.

Savic is playing on loan from Red Star to Spartak Subotica.

He was top scorer in the Yugoslav First Division while with Sarajevo, and would greatly improve J.U.S.T.'s attack. Meanwhile, Marconi was expected to strike a deal with APIA for full back Paul Carter, whose transfer fee has been reduced, on appeal, Irom 525,000 to 515,000. Marconi was offering APIA its star full back Vic Bozanic in part-exchange for Carter. Bozanic (cx-West Adelaide), lives in the eastern suburbs and is sick of travelling to Fairfield. Brilliant midfielder Joe Picloane, out of action for two seasons due to a back injury, is preparing to make a comeback. Pictoane played for Footscray J.U.S.T., Marconi, Australia and Victoria. He is building a house in St Albans and can be contacted on 689 5761.

- LAURIE SCHWAB



David Brogan gives the victory salute after scoring his third goal in Melbourne Croatia's 4-0 victory over J.U.S.T. in the Buffalo Summer Cup semi-finals. Croatia meets Hellas in the final on Saturday. See pages 8-9.

\$82,500 BACKING FOR GANBERRA

By PETER WINDSOR

Canberra Arrows, reeling at the end of last season without a sponsor, have tied up one of the most lucrative sponsorship packages in Australia.

The package is worth \$82,500.

The package is worth S82,500. It results from close-season negotiations carried out by Canberra's recently appointed public relations consultant, Johnny Warren. Announcing the sponsorship package on Monday night, Warren said Canberra had managed to retain its sponsor for the past three years, Lotto Management Services, and had added the the well-known Australian company, James Hardie Industries. The Hellenic Club of Canberra is also believed to have made a handsome donation and sponsorships were also obtained from Coca-Cola and Bega Dairy Products.

end of last season Lotto, said they would no longer continue the sponsorship, so I'm deligh-ted they've stayed on'' Warren said.

said.
"I'm equally delighted to have James Hardie Industries aboard. This is the first time they've been connected with soccer."

soccer."
During 1984 the sponsors would back:
• Coaching clinics at every Canberra primary school – all 67 of them – run by Johnny Warren, youth coach Vic Fernandez and Arrows' manager Doug Collins – and involving numerous Canberra players;
• The introduction of a primary schools James Hardie knock-out cup competition — the final of which will be



Johnny Warren

played before one of Canberra's home games.

• A new series of coaching: clinics for Canberra's high school and college teachers.
Bega Dairy Co-operative will promote a regular series of half-time junior games.
And BFC Finance will help pay for TV promotion of soccer in the A.C.T.

14, 16 and 24 teams; bonus points, two and three points; relegation

Just as Diogenes was said to be searching, with lighted lantern, for the one honest man, Australian soccer — without a lantern is eternally seeking the one perfect solu-

How — we have been wondering for years, even decades — could soccer be structured, organised, administered and 'sold' to the public?

Conversely: how could that damned public be convinced that they are missing something very special, perhaps the greatest game of all; that

The brief history of the National League clearly reflects this frustrated philosophy.

We have tried it with 14 teams, then with 16; we did without any re-legation, then with se-lective relegation.

Matches were worth two points, then bonus points; back to two points, up to three and now back again to two points. Not even gold

fluctuates so madly on the Zurich market.

We tried to run a Top Four, dropped it, reins-tated it; had one-leg and two-leg finals, home and away, neutral venue; the lot.

Two substitutes were deemed the ideal until this was halved last year — now it's back again to two. Another sign of classic inconsistency, uncertainty, instinctive

The latest is, of course, the two 'Conferences' with their groups and sub-groups. Presumably teams won't play, battle, fight or slug

out matches but merely will confer over the out-

All these changes merely prove soccer's traditional insecurity in what could fairly be described as a hostile, at best indifferent milieu.

Our administrators Our administrators sense, suspect or even know that what we have isn't right — but they have no clue, absolutely no idea why this marvellous game is cond to crawl along at

So they tinker: change a rule here and there,

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN

apply minor cosmetic surgery to the 'image' — but alter nothing of sub-

areas which would need some attention or at least some serious study.

The first one is the nature of our competition — the League season if you like. This format — teams playing

one another round after round — might have been fascinating and absorbing until about the 1950s — but has become tedious.

But these are the ex-ceptions. I also know of the hundreds of other clubs whose attendances are steadily decli-ning: the Ajaxes, Bayerns, Hamburgs, Anderlechts, Rapids an

Heys out to be a

winner! ****************

"I've got this silly ambition in me. I want to win some-thing. That's why I'm at Preston Make-donia."

That's Graham Heys talk-

ing.

He's a member of the best squad, in quality and depth, that he has ever been in during five years of National League soccer, the first three with Newcastle and latterly with West Adelaide Hellas.

West Adelaide Hellas.

Heys was born in Coventry in England but was brought up in Manchester. He "did the rounds of the clubs" but never was offered a professional contract. Those clubs included Everton, Bolton, Manchester City and Blackpool. Non-leaguer Macclestfield Town was next on the agenda. There he befriended Andy Scott and David Jones who had been to play with Ringwood Wilhelmina in the Victorian State League and spoke in glowing



Graham Heys (right) is foiled in this scoring attempt for his former club West Adelaide Hellas, by a fine save from Brisbane City goalie Kim Wish-

West Adelaide Hellas, art.

terms of the opportunities afforded by Australian soccer.
Heys moved te another nonleague club, Altrincham, and
was contacted by Alan Vest,
then coaching Newenstle KB
United. Vest though, didn't
have a visa vacancy for Heys
in 1978, KB's first venture into
NSL ranks. But the following
year, Heys was in KB colors.

"In crowd terms, KB would
have to be the biggest success
story of the NSL to date. We
averaged about 10,000 each
home game during 1979 but
success on the field just didn't
follow. We had miserable luck
with injuries and in spite of the
big gates, the club never had a
lot of money to tess around.

"Alan Vest has often let it
be known that if he hadn't sold
Kenny Boden to Sydney City a
lew years back, the players at
Newcastle wouldn't have been
paid up for that season."

Vest and KB parted company late in 1981. Heys, a close personal friend of Vest, says that that moment was the saddest in the club's history so far.

"Alan never should have left but he was under a lot of pressure from certain board members and from others in the town. There was a fair bit of back stabbing going on. Paul Trisley, who is a great loss to soccer in this country, pleaded with Alan to stay but the damage had been done."

This is a gramer KB secretary in the farmage had been done."
Ray Baartz losked after the first team in a caretaker capacity for the last few matches of the 1981 season then Kaiser took over as coach.

"I had my differences with Ken Kaiser, mainly to do with money, for it's standard practice at Newcastle that the

coach handles all contracts.
Doug Collins was at Sydney.
Olympic then and he said that he was interested in me, but was interested in me, but was interested in me, but and asked me to join him at Westad, he was far more definite than Collins."

So Heys and his Newcastle-born wife moved to Adelaide. West Adelaide Hellas had a miscrable reputation, according to Heys, over dealing with players, but Vest changed that in 1982, putting together the club's strongest squad since its championship winning season in 1978.

"Greeks are great supporters when things are going well. They all want to pat you on the back, but when things start going bad that's when the contract was a strong of the committee and the supporters. Well of the contract was a strong of good results. Alan was very disappointed with the response of the committee and the supporters.

"Alan's budget was cut in half last year. He had to keep the established players happy as well as look for new blood—no easy job. We started the season well, then things went bad. We got a reputation for being the draw specialists of the league. I think we only won seven league games.

"The players that Alan had got cheaply—Bill Amey, Paul Wormley and Micky Breanan—weren't appreciated. They worm the fare gets the base of the committee want do to take pay-cuts. Some players said okay, then were asked to trake pay-cuts. Some players said okay, then were asked to trake pay-cuts. Some players said okay, then went behind our backs and negotiated different terms with certain committeement. It was clear to methat the committee wanted to break up the team and force Alan to resign. They'd save money that way. Eventually Alan left after reaching an agreement with the club and Peter Koulizos took over as coach. Peter's knowledge of the game is limited but he was got plenty of pats on the back and thought that he'd get the job his year but they kicked him in the face and appointed as small profit for the first time in four years.

"In my opinion, we (the players) had to suffer for the

end.

He's a bit perplexed by the fixtures for the new, two-league NSL format this season, but he's confident that Makedonia will figure prominently in the championship

nently in the championship race.
"These fixtures are a bit hard to follow. We might end up playing against a side from Great Keppel Island at this rate but if we do I'm sure that we'll win

rate but if we do I'm sure that we'll win.
"Let's face it, Newcastle, Brisbane, Canberra and Adelaide all are well out of the ilmelight. This new format will work well in Melbourne and Sydney and I'm convinced that within the next year or two, the Brisbane and Adelaide clubs will be forced to rejoin their respective State Leagues."

Peter Ollerton and his committee quietly and confidently gone about putting together a squad which they hope can win for Preston Makedonia that club's first National League honor.

League honor.

While other clubs have chased players unsuccessfully, been scared off by huge transfer and signing-on demands, then sat patiently yet expectantly in the hope that Appeals Boards would lower the transfer foss of prospective newcomers, Makedonie has signed the four players coach Ollerton said would give him a squad as strong as any in the land.

Gary Cole, Graham Hays, lan Dobson, and, late last week, Robbie Dunn, have joined Makedonia and all four are supremely confident that their new club is set for success this seeson. Makedonia, after winning the Vitcorian State League title in 1980, joined the NSL the following year, finishing 12th. In 1982, the team finished 5th and last year, after leading for most of the season, had to finally sattle for 3rd place.

Ollector's squad this year, despite losing Gary Ward to Juventus and David Jones to Western Australia, has much more depth and quality.

Makedonia is on the move in 1984.



Peter Ollerton



By CRAIG MACKENZIE



Robbie Dunn (centre) in Westad colors, soars above team mate Graham Heys in this heading duel. At left is Paul Wilkinson of St. George Budapest. His team mate, Robbie O'Shea is on the extreme

Robbie Dunn on the path to Socceroo selection?

Robbie Dunn sees his move to Preston Makedonia last week for \$4,500 as a stepping stone to Socceroo selection.

Makedonia beat Marconi, Adelaide City and Melbourne Croatia for the signature of the central defender who has spent the past three weeks at the centre of a major row in South Australian soc-

the centre of a major row in Journ Australian suc-Durn left West Adelaide and signed with West Australian club Bayswater three weeks ago. Then he switched from Bayswater to South Australian club Azzurri and shocked West Adelaide fens and officials by lining up against Wests in a South Aus-tralian Ampol Cup match. The South Australian federation charged Azzurri with playing an in-legipible player but subsequent investigation found that one of the office staff in the South Australian federation's headquarters had issued a registration but to an Azzurri official, verilying Dunn's switch there.

butt to an Azzuri official, verifying Dunn's switch the Dunn's Switch the South Australian federation ruled that Dunn was an Azzuri player, effectively clearing the way for his move to Preston Makedonia. It's all a bit complicated really, but the travels of Dunn have been a well engineered ploy to get him to Makedonia with a minimum of financial fuss. Dunn, who joined West Adelaide in 1982, had a maximum transfer fee in his contract there which allowed him to join Bayswater for \$3,000. There was a rider in that agreement which netted Wests the excess should Dunn then leave Bayswater for more than \$3,000. So Dunn, using the ASF rule which allows players to transfer interstate on more than \$3,000. So Dunn, using the ASF rule which allows players to transfer interstate on more than pist one occasion in the same year, joined Azzuri for a \$3,000 tansfer fee. Wests were left high and dry by the South Australian federation's ruling last week that Dunn was an Azzuri player and Makedonia merely gave Azzuri \$3,000 in a transfer fee and \$1,500 in expenses for Dunn.

"Ye never worried about my situation, not even when Preston first approached Westad which put a \$25,000 fee on me," said Dunn.

"Coming to Melbourne is the best possible move for me, if I'm to achieve my aim of getting into the

Australian team. And joining a club like Preston, which has everything going for it and should enjoy success this year, is a bound.

"Peter Ollerton is just the man to bring Preston success. His squad probably wasn't big enough last year but now the side has a great chance of win-

year out now. Ining the league."

Dunn, 23, was born in Paisley in Scotland. He's a Glasgow Rangers fan so he'll feel at home at Makedonia alongside Gordon Flavell and George

Makedonia aionigsiue Gorbon Fraver and George
Dunn came to Australia in 1931. His first club
here was Kwinana United, then in the West Australian Third Diabeth, was coaching Kwinana then
and David Jones, the former Adelaide City, West
Adelaide, South Melbourne Hellas and Makedonia
stopper, also was there.
When Dunn was 18, North Perth Croatia signed
him on a two year contract but after one season he
transferred to the Scheeper-led Azzurri tem which won
the South Australian State League, the cup and the
charity shield.

That was when West Adelaide realised Dunn's valities and signed him for \$3,000 for the 1982

That was wrow.

That was great at Westad at first. Alan Vest was coach and we had a fine year in 1982. Then injuries hit us hard and our performances last year fell away. The club got rid of Vesty' and a few British players and brought nine Greek lads into the squad. It was an attempt to attract the Greek fals back but it didn't work. Wevertheless. I won a \$1.000 Player of the Year award last year, which was some consolation after the team had a pretty bad

"It's hard to see Wested doing well this year. Nell McGachey is back and Graham Honeyman and Jam McGregor are still there but slithough some of the young Greek leds have great potential. I think the squad lacks experience and depth." Not so at Makedonia where Dunn, despire being one of four new signings this year, will have to flight hard for his place. He's both well prepared and well credentialled.



sometimes; top four occasionally, and now we're conferring...

In a vastly changed society, people reject the repetitive and the boring; they seek excitement, novelty and drama. A Bayern v Leverkusen Bundesliga match is likely to be a yawn — but a visit by Liverpool or Barcelona will mobilise Bavaria and make the Alps glow with glee.

Much the same, I think, is happening in cricket here. While the one-day World Series matches, especially with the West Indians, sent cosmic waves through the country, interstate matches are staged to

empty terraces and even the traditional five-day tests look anachronistic compared with the rapid-fire action of the limited overs series.

This would seem to in-dicate that the routine events in sport are losing their appeal.

Perhaps, one day soon, we will pack our soccer season with "special events" — tournaments, internationals, challenge games — rather than facing the daunting prospect of 28 repetitive rounds.

departure from the practices of the past — but these practices no longer work anyhow and to retain them, just because they are "traditional," is to defy a logical reaction to changing public tastes to changing public tastes and market needs.

The other area which serves as a built-in brake to our progress is the lack of post-competition outlets.

Our champion team, cup winners and perhaps another two or three top sides, strive and struggle for months and the only

for their effort is a little plaque, perhaps a silver bowl. And all that for a huge financial outlay.

I am rather mystified why the ASF will not take the initiative of es-tablishing some sort of Pacific Cup similar to the three tournaments of Eu-

Is there any valid reason — apart from inertia or lock of imagination — why the champion teams and runners-up of Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong could not stage an annual tourna-

ment on the basis of merit?

It would be useless to wait for ALL countries in the region to show intersets at the same time; this will never happen. But if a small-scale annual event, well organised and promoted, succeeded, you can bet your bottom yen that Japan, South Korea, China and all the others would queue up to gain admission.

This is what happened in the 1950s when the European Cup was launched – by Gabriel Hanot, a French journa-

list — and was promptly snubbed by the English FA. Now, less than 30 years later, the survival of all British clubs hinges on "getting into Eu-rope..."

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Without such an in-centive for clubs, offi-cials, players and coach-es, the domestic seasons will lose more and more of their appeal; even-tually it will be deemed cheaper and more advis-able for a team to finish somewhere in the middle

And once that motiva-tion goes, our whole edi-fice will crumble, driving even the remaining few fans to their video sets, cassette players, swim-ming pools and barbecue nits

Soccer enjoys no divine protection; there is no guarantee at all that the semi-professional game, as we know it today, will survive for ever.

We have to help it along — and with a lot more than tired, unimaginative and doomed mini-solutions.

Plenty of goals left in EVER

Olympic shunned Dobson



great.

lan Dobson (pictured) wrote to Sydney Olympic in 1981, as well as to Croydon City and two New Zealand clubs. Olympic never replied and although he was offered a better contract from one of the Kiwi clubs he de-cided to sign for Croydon.

CICIECT to stgn for Croydon.

Olympic had effectively knocked back a veteran of 92 English League games with Hull City and a first team regular with More-ford at the time.

Dobson, 26, is settling into his new surroundings well at Preston Makedonia but it only is by the good grace of our NSL overlords that this first rate stopper is set to wear a red and black strip for some years to come.

That's not only a reference to the dust settling from the battle for Dobson waged recently by Makedonia and Melbourne Creatia.

for Dobson waged recently by Makedonia and Melbourne Crostia.

Med Croydon City, Dobson's club for the past two sessons, seen admitted to the 1984 NSL, he wouldn't have moved.

"Croydon's a smashing little club. I would have stayed had hey got into the NSL but I've always wanted to play the highest fandard here," Dobson said.

Dobson has been the target of Footscray J.U.S.T., Sunshine-ladings Cross, Juventus and, of course, Makedonia and Crostia in he past two years. J.U.S.T. was set to sign him from Croydon for "Preston's offer was no better than Crostia's. The resson! ""Preston's offer was no better than Crostia's. The resson I clime from England. Crostia and Croydon couldn't come to terms and at first I had agreed with Crostia to take Croydon to the Appeals Board to get the \$15,000 on my head lowered. But the more I thought about thet, the more unhappy I was. I've got a lot fuery good friends at Croydon."

f very good friends at Croydon:

Dobson was born in Hull. He joined the local club, as a 16 year id apprentice, signing professional forms when just 18. Hull was a Second Division then and former West Brom stopper John Second Division then and former West Brom stopper John years amagines as on winning promotion to First Division. It was about middle of the league ledder when it sacked Knye and popinted Bobby Collins and promptly was relegated!

While Hull struggled, Dobson's talents didn't go unnoticed. Atmaley put in a \$160,000 bid for him during the 1978-79 sesson ut Hull turned it down.

Ken Houghton replaced Collins and in turn was replaced by Aliko Smith. Dobson had signed a three year contract with Hull a nonth before Smith took over but was one of the casualties of mith's player clear-out.

Dobson joined Hereford United in 1980 on a free transfer, aptaining the first team for a few games during his second second.

on.

It was Dobson's disillusionment with the standard of living in rigiland that prompted him to consider playing abroad, and led to im joining Croydon in 1982.

"Family life is far better here. I'm really pleased with the way bings have worked out for me. I'm just moving into a new house in North Bayswater and I'm employed as a departmental manager with Johnson Brothers."

He may also be about to taste success on the soccer fields of usetralis.



Gary Cole in Heidelberg colors, doing what Makedonia fans hope he'll do frequently this par — scoring goals. At left is South Melbourne Hellas goalie Peter Laumets.

During Cole's seasons there he represented Victoria as a junior and was spotted and recommended to Ringwood Withelmina by Bill Curran.

Cole eventually joined Withelmina, but only after a far from productive training session at Slavia.

'That was the None can match Cole's scoring record

And if he plays as long as his father, he'll break that magical 1,000 goal barrier with asse. Cole's dad stopped playing last year He turns 48 this September.

The last lew months have been testing for Cole. He's turned valeatian but his playing career has taken a far more dramatic switch he was adamant for weeks that he wanted to leave Heidelberg and join Preston Makedonia. Heidelberg president Sam Goulouis tried to get Cole to step

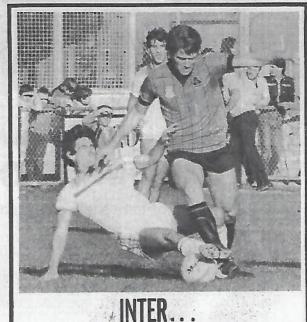
"That was the worse night's training I'd had in my life. The players spent the session swearing and lighting with each other and I ended up just having shooting practice against Mike O'Hara. "When I saw the facilities and Knodlights at Wilhelmina I said to myself. This II do me, my son. It was the next step up for me and there I played with Peter Ollerton. Bob McGin. Mike Pye. Brian Thom and Micky Lynn.

Bob McGinn, Mike Pye, Brian Thom and Micky Lynn.

"I've got to tell you about Micky Lynn I used to think that it was impossible to stand on the open and the standard of the summing pool behind the goals, there was Micky pulling off this amazing feat time and again. We still joke about it whenever we see each other."

Cole joined Heidelberg for the 1976 Victorian State League seeson. He was bought by then Heidelberg connection has been severed but there are some great memories and even greater friendships. "We always had good players at Heidelberg Some of them there are great people but there's something you can't define about they are shays got so close to winning things but just couldn't you can't put if into words, really, other than to say that Heidelberg Simply doesn't know how to win. "I'm 28 now. I'm at my peak and I want to play in a successful team. I'm really confrident about Preston's chances this year."

000 transfer fee
"I'm a player of limited ability I
know what my strengths are and I
play to them. I can hold the bail
up front until players support me
and I've got the ability to knock
the bail past defenders if need be.
I'm not to good in the air and I'm
not the sort of player who can
take on two or three men misde a
year but I like to blink that once
well."



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I'm inside the area I finish pretty well." Cole came her from England as a 15 year old and his first senior club in Victoria was South Yarra, one of the oldest clubs in, the state, currently in Provisional League Division Two. South Yarra was a Metro League club when cole joined. "I had almost two seasons there and I've still got a top scorer's trophy from the club. South Yarra gave me my first taste of senior soccer I originally phoned up to find out if I could him printly they didn't him printly teams but they didn't him printly they didn't him him wired me down to train with the men. That's where I learned to lake the knocks." Odzakov, as team mates see him



Zarko Odzakov

"He can knock a ball anywhere he likes. He changes direction so quickly. He's some player" — Gary Cole.

and join Preston Makedonia Hei-delberg president Sam Goulo-poulos tried to get Cole to stay but failed. When Cole's insistence on a move became public, just Makedonia and Juventus offered him terms. Makedonia eventually signing him for a \$22,-000 transfer fee.

'I've never played with a continental player in midfield like him. He can do anything, anytime, anywhere and he's got a lot of heart. He'll graft. If he gets hit he hits back" — Graham Heys

'He's got so much skill. He's one of the best players I've seen here. I didn't even know who he was but at my first training session he stood out like a sore thumb"

- Ian Dobson

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Melbourne Croatia, under new coach Terry Hennessy, has been showing its class in the Buffalo Summer Cup, and is tipped to be among the front-runners in the NSL. One of the secrets of Croatia's success is the power and wizadry generated on the flanks by Josip Biskic and Steve Gojevic. KORNEL KAMPEAN profiles both of them in this special feature . .

Biskic is

unsure

about his future

Josip Biskic is not sure for how long he will continue to play in Australia.

Australia.

At 24 he is Croatia's best player and one of its top aces for the N.S.L. season

However, he says that although he is looking forward to playing in the N.S.L. he does not know yet what the future holds for him here.

"I am not sure if I will remain in Australia although I received my permanent residency. It does not dependentirely on myself but other factors as well," he said.

Biskic arrived in Drago and the said of the said of the said. Biskic arrived a Drago dentirely on the said.

He didn't take long to adapt to the style of play here and it soon became obvious that he was an above average player.

Biskic hand a promising career in Yugoslavia, playing in the First Division with Osijek.

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ing in the First Division with Osijek.
He started with the Osijek juniors where he played for three years before reaching the first team at the age of 18, and played a full season in 1977.

His first game was at the ed Star stadium against the lost popular team in Yu-oslavia.

goslavia.

The following season however, he fell out with Osijek and decided to move somewhere else to get a game.

He played in the Croatian

see the likes of them again.

It's Phil O'Connor being welcomed by Heidelberg president Sam Goulopoulos, and playing for Heidelberg against Croatia in the Buffalo Summer Cup, days after his debut appearance in the gold and black produced the would be staying in Wollongong "for family reasons." It is believed his wife did not want to move to Melbourne.

Goulopoulos save he wanter

Goulopoulos says he wants back 'every cent' Heidelberg has spent for O'Connor — and that includes air fares, hotel accommodation and other in-

accommodation and other in-cidental expenses. Heidelberg had paid Wollon-gong City half of O'Connor's \$16,000 transfer fee, but had not yet paid any money to O'-Connor.

Connor.

Blacktown has renewed its interest in O'Connor, and the player is permitted to transfer as many times as he likes within the NSL until the cut-off point in late June — providing Heidelberg releases him from his contract.



Josin Biskic takes a tumble as he's tackled by Croydon's Mark Brown.

league (the equivalent of Third Division in Yugoslavia) with Borovo and Slavian Brod before coming to Australia. Biskic is still improving his game and he is satisfied with his form here. He is a player who will long be remembered in the N.S.L especially by interstate teams. His wizardry and coolness on the ball makes him an exciting player to watch but he

citing player to watch but he also has the high work rate of a dedicated team mem-

cimp player to watch out ne also has the high work rate of a dedicated team mem-ber.

"I am disappointed that we did not win the Stat League last year," he says. "We certainly showed that we were capable of winning all three major honors by

"Soccer Action's" Kornel Kampean, said: "Phil O'Con-nor is legally Heidelberg's player and it's up to Heidel-berg to decide what to do with him".

He said the \$8000 balance of O'Connor's transfer fee was due on March 31.

O'Connor Bergers'

problem says

Wollongong boss

These are historic pictures. We will never

beating Ajax in the top four

beating Ajax in the top four cup and also winning the Dockerty Cup."

He is expecting to do well in the NSL and thinks that with a couple of new players Croatia could do really well in the new competition. "Terry Hennessy is a good coach and there is definitely a change of style in our play. The main thing is that everyone is happy and there shouldn't be any problems. The club has achieved a lot with his appointment." Biskic played in the First Division in Yugoslavia at the same time Zarko Odzakov played there. They know each other and have played against each other in the Buffalo Cup

STEVE GOJEVIC: 103 GOALS IN Steve Gojevic is only 18 but already has **ONE SEASON**

vo seasons of first team experience in the State League.

He scored 103 League and cup goals in the

Croatia under 13s for an all-time record. Now, as a first team player he is displaying solid form as a wide midfield player, forming a deadly duo with

Josip Biskic on the Croatia flanks.

Gojevic has talent and he is using it the best way possible in a winning team.

"It is difficult when you are the youngest player because you have to listen to the older players," he says. "I am getting a lot of support from my family and the other players as well. It was strange in the beginning, playing with the seniors, because I started when I was 18."

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He has played, during his two State League seasons with Croatia, under five different coaches — Len McKendry, Duje Zemonik, Rocco Ille, Bill McArthur and John Gardiner.

Gojevic learnt a bit from everyone but thinks that sometimes he missed out on selection to the first team because he was the youngest and the easiest to sacrifice. With Terry Hennessy he now is experiencing a touch of professialism.

"Hennessy is a professional. He is very demanding and tells you exactly what he wants from you. If he is not happy he tells you straight away, which is very good. He helped me a lot not just at my game but also when I had some problems with my contract."

tract."
Gojevic cannot wait to play in the N.S.L. He is confident because Croatia is doing well in the Buffalo Cup against N.S.L.

cause Croata is doing wen in the burnar copy and it is sides.

"I think that the N.S.L. will improve a lot this year. If the quality of the game is good the crowds will come in. Croatia always has had a large following and the supporters are really good to the players. There are a minority who are never happy but that happens everywhere. I don't see the N.S.L. as being much different from the State League now that there will be more local derbles."

With Hennessy at the helm, Gojevic thinks the team has better organisation.

"We play attacking soccer and the game flows freely on the flanks where Biskic and I play. Biskic is a top player who understands the game really well. We have the same attitude in the game, in running back and forward, concentrating on attack. When he first arrived I thought of him as a very skifful player at training but who at first had a bit of a communication problem with the British players in the team because of language barriers. He soon adapted here, though."



Steve Gojevic - alert even before he gets the ball under control.

Coaches may soon have to be licensed by the Australian Soccer Federation before they can coach National League or State League clubs.

And players recruited from New Zealand may be prohibited from playing for their country against Australia in the World Cup.

Cup.
So says ASF president Sir
Arthur George in the ASF's
annual report.
Sir Arthur also believes that
while the National Coaching
Scheme is dominated by English-orientated coaches, NSI.
clubs should import experienced coaches from
Europe and South America.
On licensing of coaches, he
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Europe and South America. On licensing of coaches, he says:
"I will ask the (ASF) executive to set up a system of licensing coaches who would be permitted to coach First Division clubs and National League club teams.
"An essential part of any such licensing system would be to insist, after providing a reasonable period of grace, that coaches who desire to renew their licence must either attend overseas ASF-approved coaching courses to update their skills or, if that is not possible, to attend at the Australian Institute of Sport coaching courses which can be and will be organised by the ASF, hopefully with the assistance of a nominated FIFA coach."

Sir Arthur criticised NSL and State League clubs for "rotating the same coaches year after year."
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"Except in isolated cases, there appear to be no attempts by coaches to bring themselves up to date, and certainly no attempt by NSL clubs, in particular, to bring to Australia, as is being done by all other developing soccer nations, overseas coaches to bring our coaching methods up to date."

to date."

About New Zealand players
based in Australia, he said

"In the 1982 World Cup campaign the majority of New Zealand national players previously had participated in our National League competition. Steps are being taken to ensure that any New Zealand players in future recruited by our NSL clubs are recruited or condition that they will not be released to play against us for New Zealand in the World Cup."

Sir Arthur also took a tough

line about young Australian players transferring abroad.
"A standard form of contract is being prepared to ensure that players produced at great expense to this federation will not transfer overseas for their own benefit and the benefit of their clubs without this federation reserving the right to recall them to fulfill World Cup obligations.
"If this policy appears to be contradictory, it is at least pragmatic and necessary."



Sir Arthur George

COMMENT by Andrew Dettre

If, as Sir Arthur George claims, our senior coaches — or some of them anyway — lack the necessary skills and knowledge, surely the ASF must accept the bulk of the blame for this.

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Since 1975 the ASF has tolerated a substandard National Coaching Scheme under which, in a matter of few weeks, almost enyody can gain a senior certificate.

Yet it takes three to five years of part-time study and work in Holland, West Germany and other places...

Since 1975 neither the ASF nor the tobacco company which pays the bill for the scheme has bothered to ask its coaching director, Eric Worthington, whether this country is now equipped to produce top-level, fully skilled coaches of European standard.

Nine long years wasted — even if the scheme did produce a lot of so-called junior coaches.

conches:

Equally puzzling is Sir Arthur's broadside at the domination of English-oriented coaches under Eric Worthington.

Of course, the word "dominated" is incorrect: it should be monopolised. All of them, without exception, are from Britain and only two of them have senior coaching experience in Australia.

Surely the ASF should have woken up to this a bit earlier rather than condone a system under which mates from the "old country"

made une State Directors' posts a closed

have made tree State Directors' posts a closed shop.

Sir Arthur's suggestion that NSL clubs import coaches from Europe and South America — a good idea, really — bears no guarantee that the firm hold by British coaches — many of them quite undistinguished — on the State Directors' job will be loosened.

But, all in all, it's heartening to see that at long last, more than 10 years after resuming the presidency, Six Arthur is paying some ethenion to this chronic problem — the in-adequate standard of senior coaching in this country.

tention to this chronic problem — the intention to this chronic problem — the inadequate standard of senior coaching in this
country.

Maybe it has dawned on him that our soccer
will not improve — whether we have 40,000,
400,000 or even 4,000,000 juniors — until
and unless we tackle the problem of coaching
ensibly, patiently and honostly.

And just one more thing, to avoid misunderstandings and hurt feelings; this is not an antiBritish tirade, as such.

If something is good and progressiva in British soccar, let's by all means adopt it.

But coaching — or rather, the system of
producing coaches — is done on an infinitely
higher level in other countries.

And If even the best-known English
coaches lag behind their European counterparts — what an idotic idea it is to expect
that their expatriate colleagues who migrate
to Down Under and come from the third or
15th achelon, will give Australia soccer the
facelift we so badly need.

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GIAMPAOLO, VALERI TO MONARO

By PETER WINDSOR

APIA-Leichhardt has sold "Baz" Giampaolo, Walter Valeri and Bernie Willox to Queanbeyan club Inter-Monaro for a mere \$15,000.

Confirming the purchase yesterday, Monaro's president Laurie Pastrello said he was delighted to have the three players permanently in the Canberra district.

Giampaolo and Valeri are two of the Canberra/

lenge match.

TASMANIAN

with Walter Pless

returns to White Eagles

Hobart City, Hobart's 'second' Italian club, put a dent in Juventus-Pioneer's pre-

season record when it beat Ken Morton's outfit 4-2 in the annual Italian Cup chal-

The win delighted City's new coach, Glyn Jenkins, who is

The win delighted City's new coach, Glyn Jenkins, who is also the State under 18 coach and who has had previous senior coaching experience with White Eagles, South Hobart and Caledonians.

Wollongong defender, Peter Willis, who is back in Hobart on holiday (he played for Rapid-Wrest Point before joining Wollongong), 'guested' for Hobart City against Juventus and even scored a goal for the winner.

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Jimmy Kerr, who had announced his retirement, made a surprise appearance for the students against Juventus and scored a hat-trick. Despite his feat, Kerr is still out certain to play this season as he has still to appear at a training session. Doninic O'Brien scored both of University's goals against Rapid, while Rapid's coach, David Crosson, scored his side's opener with a spectacular overhead scissors kick from just inside the penalty area.

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Rapid's Nick Cook is undecided about which club he will play for this season. Cook has been linked with both Caledonians — who have at last appointed Tommy Wright of Olympia as coach — and University. Cook has enrolled for a Bachelor of Education degree course at the University of Tasmania.

White Eagles star, Andrew Leszczynski, left Tasmania late last year to join National League side, Brisbane Llons, for the 1984 NSL season. He made an immediate impact at Lions in pre-season training but returned to Tasmania last week having been unable to enrol at the University of Queensland. I spoke to a very disappointed young Andrew shortly after his return to Hobart.

Pless: What went wrong in Brisbane?
LESZCYNSKI: Things were going well over there as regards training but I couldn't get into university in Brisbane That meant either giving up my education or my soccer. I thought my education was more important so I cam back and I'll enrol at university here.

Were you impressed with the set-up at Lions?
LESZCYNSKI: Yes, I'd been there a while, for the

Were you impressed with the set-up at Lions?

LESZCZYNSKI: Yes, I was. I'd been there a while, for the whole of the pre-season training period, in fact, and the whole approach was very professional. The training was of a very high standard, both under Gordon Arrowsmith, and then, for the last few days that I was there, under new coach Harry Noon. The facilities were just first class.

Who will you play for now that you're back in Tasmania?

LESZCZYNSKI: I think it's going to be Juventus. I was due to go to Ulverstone with them yesterday but I've got a slight thigh strain after training this week with both University and Rapid.

Angular and the playing with your former club, White Englas?
LESZCZYNSKI: No, because they're only in the Rothmans League this year and if I'm to attain my ambition of playing in the National League I've got to at least play in the Tasman State League. I need a bit of expoure so people on't forget.

LESZCZYNSKI: Yes. In fact, I could have gone to Melbourne today for a trial with Heidelberg but my injury ruled that out. I'm really looking for a club in a place where I could have also enrol at a university at the same time. If nothing comes up, I'll play in Hobart and go to university here this year and think again about next year. Lions have already told me that they'd welcome me back next year.

Queanbeyan Italian commun-ities' favourite sons.

And three years ago they made national headlines when they became the then second costliest twosome in Austral-ian soccer history when

Leszczynski

Canberra City paid \$40,000 for their services.

Monaro last season while neither Giampaolo or Valeri had any success with APIA Giampaolo, out more times than in, was the big disappointment of the club.

But Pastrello evit.

But Pastrello still has only the highest regard for the play-er's talents.

"He doesn't turn 25 until next month and I know he can do a job for us," Mr Pastrello said. "I still think he was constantly played in the wrong position by both Canberra and APIA."

Pastrello, of course, makes no secret of his ambition to see Monaro one day in the NSL.

It is for this reason that the club is laying a totally new playing surface and upgrading other facilities during the 1984 season.

There are also plans to re-furbish its already large li-censed premises. As Monaro owns five acres of land in Queanbeyan it has ample space to develop further.

And if the club did win the NSW State League in 1984 its entry into the NSL could be sooner rather than later.

Giampaolo told "Soccer Ac-tion" Kornel Kampean: "I come from Canberra and most of my family is still there. Apart from that I enjoy play-ing at Monaro. To me Canberra has a lot of things to offer. I will only consider a short period in the State League because I wish to be back in the N.S.L. by 1985."

Giampaolo played two games for Australia but that was back in 1978 and 1981.

"I played for the national team as soon as I started in the NSL. I was followed by bad luck in the NSL. as I used to get injured easily. I decided that the best thing to do is just walk off when there is an injury because it is not worth it to continue playing and make it worse. Bodies are not like machines."



Some of the players expected to take part in the testimonial are: Jim Cant (Sydney Hakoah), Tony Henderson (Marconi), Adrian Alston, Ron Tilsed (Wollongong), Sebastian Giampaolo and Water Valeri (APIA).



Walter Valeri surges forward, past Hei-delberg sweeper Charlie Yankos.



from Heidelberg defender Ian McKie.

Monaro wins Friendship

Inter-Monaro edged out Arrows in Canberra's major pre-season tournament - the Friendship Cup - on Sunday night.

They finished the game tied 2-2 but under the rules of this, the Friendship Cup's inaugural year. Monaro took the title because it scored II goals in the tournament and Canberra scored only 10.

It was an impressive final watched by a rowd of over 600.

And Monaro, which plays in the NSW

By PETER WINDSOR

State League, looks set for a solid season after capturing the signatures of Baz Giampaolo. Billy Willox and Walter Valeri after captu Giampaolo, from APIA

o's goals came from John Walsh mpaolo while Alan Reis netted and Giampaolo while Alan Reis netted both goals for the Arrows. All four goals came in the second stan-

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It was a fine ending to the new Cup competition, the other two competing teams being the Australian Institute of Sport and Belconnen.

Perhans its importance not just now.

but for the future, was put best in the match program by Canberra's PR consultant, Johnny Warren
"The significant factor about the tournament is not merely who plays well or for that matter who wins." he said "It is, hopefully, the first of many steps towards reuniting the many soccer factions in the ACT.
"Soccer in the ACT."

ACT

"Soccer in the ACT in fact all of Australia, has suffered because of factional fighting and petry jealousies over the past 100 years. The present past 100 years are the present just on the world has the ACT and elsewhere in Australia because of this."

Just watch out for **Melita and Croatia**

Watch out for Sydney Attila Abonyi's men will be at least in the top six of the NSL northern region this vear.

Of this I am convinced, following Croatia's 1-0 victory over Sydney Olympic in the NSW Ampol Cup semi-finals.

And Melita Eagles, pro-moted to the NSL along with Croatia, also will finish in the

The other four should be:
Sydney Olympic, Marconi, St
George Budapest and Sydney
City Hakoah, providing
Hakoah retains its unsettled
players — Kosmina, Watson,
Robertson, O'Connor, Murray.

Talking about Hakoah, I've got to take my hat off once again to Ljubo Gojkovic.

It was the youth players who trained upder him that have been filling the gaps in the Hakouh senior team — and all have performed with distinction.

Gojkovic previously was coach of Olympic's youth team, which produced senior players Tony Dakos, Terry Patalis, Chris Kalantzis and Robby Naurosy

Now Gojkovic is at Auburn. When will an NSL club snap him up?

Anyway, back to Croatia

I want to mention briefly some of the stars who make Croatia the fine team it is.

First, the goalkeeper, Steve Watson. He saved a penalty against us in the Ampol Cup semi-final, and he also stopped other good shots. He's very flexible and alert—and it's no wonder that national coach. Les Scheinflug wants him to play for Australia. Apart from being a reflex 'keeper, Watson also is solid and safe and con-



with PETER KATHOLOS



Wall Savor

against Taiwan in the World Cup qualifying rounds, a visit to China will be of great value, as conditions will be similar,

as conditions will be similar, although the opposition, of course, will be much stronger on the mainland.

Another plus is that so many top Australian players have been getting overseas ex-perience under their own steam.

Eddie Krncevic and David Mitchell are playing top-class soccer in Europe, and both have said they are available for Australia's World Cup campaign.

Steve Watson

trols his defence very well in-

Wally Savor, in attack, is fast and mobile and has good control, and Bruno Vidaic is an outstanding defender.

outstanding defender.
Abonyi's two recruits from
Sutherland, Shane Clinch and
Steve Meades, have proved to
be valuable acquisitions after
only a few weeks with their
new club. Clinch played on the
right flank in the semi-final,
meaning I had to oppose him.
That was a difficult job, believe me. I ended up spending
more time in defence than in
attack.

Meades was equally as good, playing at left midfield.

Good news for Roos

News about overseas teams like Glasgow Rangers and perhaps Manchester United touring mid-year should give all soccer frans new hope of Australia reaching the next World Cup (inials — even though we do have to play against Israel and a European team in the qualifying series.

Our eminent visitors, and a planned European tour for the Socceroos late this year, should give us invaluable experience and help us prepare for the World Cup campaign.

The tour, in particular, should give the team the unity, spirit and understanding it needs to do justice to the fans' aspirations.

In addition, there will be a diree-match series against China, as arranged by Prime Minister Bob Hawke during his visit there.

As we will have to play

time with AS Roma. Watch Zinni, He's going places!

500 mil. crowd!

Talking about Roma, its local derby against Juventus was watched by a staggering 500 million people!

The match was telecast live to France, Brazil, Canada and the U.S.

Glen Hoddle, Gary Shaw and Graham Rik say they will quit English soccer at the end of the year, because English soccer is going downhill and clubs can't afford to pay the kind of money available on the

Clubs like Juventus are put-ting the accent on skill and en-tertainment. They are luring the super-stars of world soccer hence the publicity and the live TV coverage abroad.

England, in comparison, is staid and uninteresting.

The latest super-star about to go to Juventus, is Karl-Heinz Rummenigge of Bayern

"I'll be proud to play along-side Michel Platini, Rossi, Tardelli and Scirea," Rumme-nigge said.

Juventus also is trying to get the brilliant winger Eder from Brazil. It is likely to lose Zbig-niew Boniek, but will gain the great Dane, Laudrup, who at present is leased out to Lazio.

Alan Davidson just has re-turned after training stints with Bayern Munich, Arsenal and Brighton, Robbie Slater spent time with Nottingham Forest, both Tommy McCul-loch and David Lowe trained with Southampton, and it wasn't long ago that the young Victorian Jalyer, Andrew Zinni, of Juventus, spent some CORRECTION

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den threat to St

St George Budapest and Sydney City-Hakoah will meet in the NSW Ampol Cup

Bertogna, Kamasz

- KORNEL KAMPEAN

AMPOL

And while St George went into its semi-final match with Croatia as slight favorate and expected to win, it was Marconi and not Hakoah that was favored to win the other semi-final.

Marconi had its star-studded side on show, with Brown, Lowe and Winn up front, Henderson, James, Licata, Djordjevic, Mariani ... an im-

pressive line-up, at least on

By ALEX VESIC

paper.
Hakoah, with Barnes,
Boden, Gomez and with the
return of Clarke and Cant,
certainly had its work cut out,
having quite a few youngsters
on show.

The return of Paul Kay, bril-The return of Paul May, Wal-liant performances by Lynch and O'Rourke as well as Flet-cher and De Marigny spelled the end of Marconi.



So now the two most successful clubs in Australia in the past two years meet again. Saints beat Hakoah in the grand final two years ago and pipped the Bondi outfit in the closing stages of the 1983 championship to win the title by one point.

What will happen on Sunday at Barton Park?
Both sides are playing with exceptional vigour and styte. Hakoah without its stars Kosmina, Watson, Robertson and until a week ago Clarke, Kay and Cant, still looked strong. Kenny Boden, nicknamed "Magic", showed just what a good player can do on any given day. He held the strings together for Hakoah and will be hard to toss in the final. However, while Boden, Barnes and Kay look an awesome midfield combination I would venture to say that in J.



Fletcher's goal

Ken Boden

NSW AMPOL CUP

N.S.W. Ampol Cup semi-finals:

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 1 (Slater 16th) CROATIA 0. At St George Stadium. Crowd: 3,150. Referee: Doug Rennie (injured 3' — Brian Fowler — 5). Yellow cards: Vidaic (Cr).
ST GEORGE: Fraser 7 — Skeen 8, Ratcliffe 8, M. O'Shea 8, R. O'Shea 8 — Barton 7, J. O'Shea 8, Stone 7 — Slater 8, Koczka 6 (Ricoy 69'), Marton 6 (Danaskos 58 — 5).
CROATIA: Watson 8 — Woods 7, Sterrey 7, Vidaic 8, Tomasich 6 — Basic 7, Rezo (Talic 68th), Meades 7 — Savor 6, Arnold 6, Clinch 6.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 1 (Fletcher 76th) MARCONI 0. At St Georges Stadium. Crowd: 3,150. Referee: Peter Rampley 8. Yellow cards: Cant, Barnes, Boden (H), Henderson (M).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Clarke 7 — O'Rourke 7, Gomez 7, Cant 7, Lynch — Kay 8, Barnes 7, Boden 8 — Rodrigues 7, De Marigny 6, Fletcher 7.

MARCONI: James 8 — Djordjevic 7, Caleran 7, Mariani 7, Licata 5 — Henderson 6, Budini 5, Carbone 5 — Lowe 5, Winn 5 (Carrizo 37' — 5),

"He is an experienced player and an exceptionally strong attacking player, but for some reason started to fall back too often. Andy Koczka did the same, giving me no option but to replace them." Arok said.

Well, next time they'll know.

y, but quite a few chances nt begging — almost all of m missed by the winning

St George 1

Croatia 0 Saints keep marching on.

team.

And while Croatia must be given credit for hanging in for 80 minutes to be beaten by a single goal, it should be mentioned that Marton, Slater and Co. could have made it a far more convincing victory.

Saints looked set to go into an early lead but for a lapse of concentration by the man in the middle, referee Brian

A flick-header by Barton saw Slater with the ball and running for goal. With Vidaic to beat and having Koczka free

on the right, it looked curtains for Croatia but in came Fowler with his whistle — giving Saints a free kick for a foul on Mark Barton!
However only a minute late Saints went into the lead.
John O'Shea found Koczka, a quick through ball for Slater and despite an attempt by Watson to come out and block the angle, Slater was cool and accurate, the ball linding the right hand corner of the net.
Slater came close again in

Slater came close again in the 33rd and 39th minutes of the first period. It was a des-pairing dive by Drago Toma-sich that just clipped the ball

AROK NOT PLEASED

Watson near

agreement

Despite the \$20,000 placed on Joe Watson's head by Sydn City Hakoah, chances are that the little winger, voted NSL Play of the Year last season, will line-up for a 12th consecutive year Hakosh colors.

"It's just a matter of reaching agreement on terms for this season and we're not that far apart in negotiations," said Wat-

son.
"There's no ill feeling between me and the club and I'm hopeful that we'll resolve our differences soon. Eddie Thomson wants the matter resolved and so do!."
Watson, Tony Pazzano, Stève O'Connor, Alex Robertson, Willie Murray and Grant Lee all have to come to terms with the Hakoah committee for this season but have been training with the first team squad and look likely to reach agreement.

A cross Robert O'Shea saw Slater slip through to nudge it past Watson but alas, past the post too

past was on our also, past the score midway through the second half after beating two tackles to face Waston but his shot went high over the bar. Croatta was far from disgraced and had its own share of opportunities. Playing against the wind during the first period certainly showed that the side is capable of beating the best.

that the side is capable of beating the best
Brett Woods should have
done better with his opportunity in the 53rd after a good
run, but his shot went almost
straight at Fraser Only
seconds later Fraser dived at
the feet of Shane Clinch to

clinch hit the side netting and then Arnold drove his header just over the bar in the closing stages of this semi-final but that was too little and certainly too late to cause St George much concern Despite this narrow but convincing win by Saints, Frank Arok was far from happy He. replaced his star player. Dez Marton, with Tony Danaskos following some sloppy shooting by Marton and errors unusual for the old maestro.

5. Winn 5 (Carrizo 37' - 5),

The O'Shea brothers had a great evening. John O'Shea was most impressive, stopping an opponent one minute then sending his forwards into attack the next.

David Skeen blotted Shane Clinch out of the attack and used his speed to chime into Saints' attacking play, causing Croatia concern

For Croatia it was Bruno Vidaie and Drago Rezo who showed the way, with Wally Savor making some strong runs during the second period and Graham Arnold gave solin Brett Woods, Steve Watson and Graham Arnold gave solin ensured the same strong rouns during the second period and Graham Arnold gave solin ensured Attie Abonyi much concern.

Marijan Kovacic is still si-

Marijan Kovacic is still si-delined. Croatia's most skillful player was at the ground but not in the side.

A 28-minute half: er, sorry, says ref

Well, next time they a know Stars of this semi-final? St George defenders and its engine room looked in great touch, while Robbie Slater caused great concern to the opponents every time he touched the ball

Doug Rennie started the match between St. George and Croatia as referee, left the field after three minutes with an injury. Brian Fowler, the linesman took over and an official of St George took the line!

Only a minute later it was Tony Boskovic who took the flag from the Saints official. Tony was not "dressed" for the occasion and after all he is retired, so in came Mr. Loupis who had been running the line during the first match, to replace Boskovic.

But that was not all.

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The first half lasted 43 minutes, with Rennie controlling the match for three minutes and Fowler for 40. The second half lasted 23 minutes and the referee blew his whistle, ending the match.

It looked short to the players, so Fowler was soon surrounded by them Linesman was consulted and only then did the game continue for another 13 minutes — lasting 41 minutes.

Falk about value for money at soccer! There's never a dull moment.

Boumemouth to Woives?

Two players who helped Third Division Bourne-mouth knock mighty Manchester United out of this year's English F.A. Cup are keen to play for Wollongong City this season.

Striker Trevor Morgan, 27, and midfielder Phillip Brig-null, 23, want to play for the

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Wolves for 10 weeks at the end of the current English season.

The two played in the Bournemouth team which caused a major shock by knocking out Cup holder United 2-0 last month.

Bournemouth manager Harry Redknapp is negotiating with the Wolves after talks with Wollongong goalkeeper Ron Tilsed.

Tilsed, who has signed a one-year contract with the club, spent a short training stint with Bournemouth earlier this year and returned to

Bournemouth, Back row: Ivan Golac, Nigel Spackman, Phil Brignull, Tom Heffernan, John Impey, Kenny Alen, Ian Leigh, Trevor Morgan, Trevor Lee, Derek Dawkins, Steve Carter. Front: Tony Funnell, Kevin Dawtry, Harry Redknapp (manager), Mark Night-ingale, Keith Williams, Milton Graham.

news.

Both Morgan and Brignull are aware of the lack of funds in Australian soccer but both appear to be quite reasonable in their demands. They are understood to be seeking their

Wollongong with the good news.

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- PHILIP MICALLEF

Brennan

not

budging

Five times clubs have bid for Canberra's striker Tony Brennan — and five times he has turned them

The bids — and most were particularly attractive — came from Brisbane Lions, Newcastle, Blacktown City (twice) and Inter-Monaro.

Canberra transfer listed Brenan many weeks ago but the big striker, recently en-gaged to a Canberra primary school teacher, must like the national capital.

Or is it that even if he stays he's in the box seat? Rumour has it Brennan's contract—with a season to run—provides a sizeable signing on fee—and he can get that, of course, without pulling on a boot.

PETER WINDSOR

Robertson

Former Newcastle KB United midfielder Stuart Robertson has Joined Scottish Division One club Dumbarton. Last year, Marconi attempted to sign Robertson, then on Exeter City's books, but instead he remained in England with Doncaster Rovers. The diminuitive Scot made only a handful of appearances for Rovers though and welcomed the move to Dumbarton.

puts Hakoah into the final

Hakoah 1 Marconi 0

Hakoah eliminated Marconi from the Ampol Cup by the narrowest of margins but the score certainly flattered the losing side. Apart from the winning goal by Graeme Flet-cher, four minutes from time, it was Hakoah all the way with chances going begging on quite a

few occasions.

Marconi's fire-power looked awesome with David Lowe, Steve Winn and Rod Brown up front, but it was not to be. It took Marconi 61 minutes to send its first shot towards goal and that effort by Brown utes, bowever, well saved by Clarke A minute later, Raul Carrizo slammed one from just outside the box and Clarke was there again to save.

Believe it or not, that was the sum total of Marconi's effort on the night.

Its midfield looked sluggish, its forward line starved of service, wandered about without an idea or purpose, and in the end it was left to the back four to keep Marconi in this match.

But even that was not sufficient.

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Hakoah managed to break
through Marconi's backline on
quite a few occasions only to
wasfe some easy opportuni-

Ian Rodrigues almost sur-prised James with his angled drive after 16 minutes, then De Marigny came face to face with James but skied his shot

from eight metres. In the dying stages of the first half, it was James again to the res-cue, with a brave dive at the feet of Fletcher to keep the scoreline blank.

scoreline blank

Almost from the restart, Fletcher watched his shot whistle outside the far post. A shot by Geraldo Gomez was cleared off the line, then came Hakoah's brilliant move which should have had a goal written all over it. Kenny Boden's through pass found Lynch inside the area. The youngster took the ball down the line then cut it back to Rodrigues who shot hard from seven metres but straight at James. Such was the force of the shot that James had little time to react and the ball bounced off his body and awasy from goal to safety!

James made another great

safety!

James made another great
save in the 57th minute but
looked beaten with 15 minutes
remaining after Bertie Mariani failed to clear and Fletcher was left alone in front of
James. As the keeper and
out, Fletcher struck the ball
too soon and too high, lobbil
guthe keeper and the goal in the
process.

process.

But the youngster was to make mends 10 minutes later as a ball from Paul Kas found Fletcher just outside the box. He turned Mariani before wide of James for the winner. Marconi coach Les Scheinflug was disappointed but without Tom McCulloch, Tom Sermani and Joe Rizzotto, three of Marconi's best players last season, the Fair-field club realistically couldn't have done much better.

Marconi lacked cohesion.
Tony Henderson, Ricky Budint
and Attile Carbone were no
match for Boden, Kay and
Murray Barnes in midfield.



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Croatia chases record cup win

LAURIE SCHWAB

Croatia won its first night soccer final in 1968, and if it beats Hellas in this vear's final at Olvmpic Park on Saturday night, it will be the outright champion of the competition.

At the moment, Croatia and J U.S.T. have won the series six times each, in its 29-year

six times each, in its 26-year history.
Hellas has won it four times. That first triumph by Croatla back in 1988 came at the end of probably the best night final on record, but Sat-urday's game promises to be even better.
Neither team is preoccupied about nullifying the other's witemaths.

about nullitying use strengths.
Rather, they worry more about their own attacking game, meaning both sets of players will have room in which to play.
First, let's indulge in a bit of

Stalgia Let's go back to that thrill-g 1968 final which serves as a binter to what to expect on

Saturday
Cruia's opponent that night — March 8, 1968 — was Slavia, a power then.
The teams were CROATIA: 1. Kovacic, 2. Friganovic, 3. Guant, 4. McArthur, 5. Bot, 6. Rau, 7. McInty-re, 3. McMeechan, 9. Vojtek, 10. Mackay, 11. Glaser.
SLAVIA: 1. Schroif, 2. Livingstone, 3. Reed, 4. Randles, 5. Cook, 6. Goodwin, 7. Savage, 8. Jurecki, 9. Reid, 10. Kraus,

Croatia 4

J.U.S.T. 0

closely fought con-

test.

It was. For four minutes. Until David Brogan scored the first of his three goals, signaling the start of a Croatia onslaught which eventually crippled JU.S.T to the extent that Croatia players toyed with their opponents in the last 10 minutes. In short, J.U.S.T. was completely outplayed and outclassed and if it can't find the money to buy at least three top class players soon, then it's going to maintain its tradition of struggling in NSL ranks. Croatia, on the other hand, is on the threshold of NSL success. Coach Terry Hennessy keeps trying to convince his committee that with another can start to realistically eye the championship. But, if Croatia relies on its present squad, it may have to settle for a top four finish and that's not good enough as far as Hennessy is concerned. It shouldn't be good enough

And I thought that this would be a



Hellas. Back row: Oscar Crino, Steve Blair, Ken Murphy, Mark Turudia, Steve Wooddin, Jim Kalambokis, Alan Davidson, Bobby Russell. Front row: Con Kiakis, Doug Brown, Charlie Egan, John Yzendoorn, Peter Laumets, Carl Halford, Chris Kalifatidis, John Kanasoulis. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

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Just a few words about some of those players.
BILL McARTHUR: Later coach of Croatia, Croydon and Albion Rovers;
BILLY McINTYRE: Later with Helias, Makedonia, Albion Rovers, St Albans, JIMMY MACKAY: The Soc-

JIMMY MACKAY. The Soc-ceroo who scored the goal that-put Australia into the 1974 World Cup finals; WILLIE SCHROLF Czechoslovakia's goalkeeper in the 1962 World Cup final against Brazil; TOM MY RADLES Played later for New Zealand, then couched Frankston Pines, Slavia and Melbourne; BILLY COOK: Played for Australia.

BILLY COOK: Played for Australia, BILLY VOJTEK: Played 31 internationals for Australia, won Bill Fleming Medal with Juventus, was player-coach of Ajux and Western Suburbs, now player-coach of St Albuns. HAMMY McMEECHAN:

Cap.

And what a performance Croatia put up in this semi-final. All told, JUST. had two shots on target. One came from defender Gary McDo-ell. The other, a low shot in the 28th minute from Jaime Fernandez, easily was handled by Croatia goalie Peter Blashy, whose main task was to try and keep his concentration during long periods of inactivity.

Croatia Ians took over the grandstand, singing, taunting, flag waving, and cheering every fine move, every goal and every near miss.

and every near miss.

I was told after the match that it was young Steve Gojevic who passed to Brogan in the
4th minute for the opening
goal. There was no way I could
tell. for I had made the mistake of thinking that I would
get a great view of the match
from the grandstand. However, I was able, peering inbetween arms, legs, and a sea
of flags, to watch Brogan turn
sharply and rifle a low, 15

John Yzondoorn, Peter Lai
Pictures by LES SHORROC.

Australian international, played also for Juventus and Ajax among others, and now cook of the cook

scored the winning goal for Croatia in the second half of extra time, and it was Hammy McMeechan who provided the second half of extra time, and it was Hammy McMeechan who provided the second half of extra time the following year, 1989, and again in 1970, 1976 and 1982.

Now it tries to prevent Croatia from establishing a competition record. Can Hellas do it?

There is one area in which Hellas appears to one area in which Hellas appears superior to Croatia and that's in central midfield, where Oscar Crino and Carl Halford should have the better of Jeff Faulkner and Jozo Antolovic, unless the latter two have a dramatic turnaround in form.

On the flanks, Hellas appears to have more aggression and more tackling in Alan Dayldson and Ken Murphy than Croatia has in Josip Biskic and Steve Gojevic. On the other hand, however, Biskic and Gojevic will be demanded.



Croatia. Back row: Ossie Latif, Robert Markovac, George Hannah, Mate Grgic, Peter Blasby, David Brogan, Drage Dosankovic, Jozo Antolovic. Front row: Tony Curcio, Stave Gojevic, Josip Blakic, Keith Adams, Jeff Faulkner, Tommy Cumming,

gerous every time they get the ball, and it was they who des-troyed Ajax in Croatia's 4-0 triumph in the 1983 State League Cup final, when they were up against opponents who, on paper, also appeared to be more physical.

In comparing the two sets of strikers, we can't ignore the fact that Croatia has scored twice as many goals as Hellas

Doug Brown and Charlie Egan certainly are good play-ers, but on results gained so far, David Brogan and Tommy Cumming have the edge. It gets more confusing all the time, doesn't it? A winning

so far. Croatia has notched eight goals (Brogan 4, Parton 2, Cumming, Biskic) and Hellas four (Brown, Murphy, Yzendoorn, French own goal).

Doug Brown and Charlie Egan certainly are good players, but on results gained warning to go out were and win every ball, beat every enongent.

The teams for the final, with shirt numbers:

CROATIA

8. Josip BISKIC

12. Keith ADAMS 7. Jeff

FAULKNER

3. Sean

17. George HANNAH

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16. Jozo ANTOLOVIC

9. Steve

CUMMING

HELLAS

1. Peter LAUMETS

12. John

2. Bobby RUSSELL 4. Steve BLAIR

5. Chris YZENDOORN KALAFATIDIS

3. Alan

10. David

8. Oscar

DAVIDSON

CRINO

6. Carl

HALFORD

7. Ken MURPHY

10. Doug BROWN

14. Charlie

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Croatia's Tommy Cumming (right), shadowed by J.U.S.T. captain Igor Hazabent. Behind them is goalkeeper Lou Tsigaras. Pic-tures by LES SHORROCK.

Dinamo wins **Junior Cup**

St Albans-Dinamo beat Heidelberg-Alexander 2-0 in the final of the Vic-torian under 13 Buffelo Summer Cup, pleyed as the curtain-raiser to the J.U.S.T. v Croatia match at Olympic Park last Saturdey. Goalscorars were Vesolko Karacic and Anton Proc.

and Anton Pree.
The squads:
ST. ALBANS: Jozo Rados, Ivan
Duzel, Mario Odek, Zejiko Ulankovic,
Budimir Bohan, Robart Colina, Peter
Cvitkovic, Jozo Kalalo, Anton Pree,
Eddia Hrbolic, Vasalko Karacic, Anton
Ivankovic, John Galinac, Augustia
Kridija, Jozo Kinez.
HEIDELBERG: N. Samilids, N. Ketsis, D. Tabakis, V. Poppos, P. Rendis,
L. Bekiaris, S. Mangos, M. Mandoulidis, G. Nitsou, N. Papagianis, G. Mihalilidis, G. Kyrouderalis, A. Giangoulidis.

Socceroos won't turn full-time

ASF secretary Brian Emery denied this week that the Socceroes may turn full-time professional for the latter part of their World Cup cam-paign, as reported in a Sydney daily newspaper.

newspaper.

"It's not at all economical, unless all 18 players were on the dole," Mr Emery said.

"Otherwise, how could you demand that players with good jobs almply often un?

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metre shot into the far corner of goal.

That was enough for me. I headed downstairs for an almost uninterrupted view. It also was enough for JU.S.T. Some of its playes dropped their heads, only lifting them when referee Chris Bambridge signalled an end to the slaughter.

ter.

Jim Davis never fell into that category. Quite the opposite. He trampled all ower Tony Curcio in the 17th minute and should have been sent off Instead, he escaped with a yellow card.

Instead, he escaped with a vellow card.
However, there was nothing frude about Davis's outstanding tackle on Brogan in the 21st minute. Tommy Cumming headed on to Brogan as JUST, got caught on the break. It was Brogan y Dubras and the season of the properties of t

who shot poorly from 20 metres.

Brogan missed a sitter in the 26th minute. Josip Biskic, at his bubbling best down the right, turned Joe Carroll inside-out, then chipped into the goal mouth Brogan had a freeheader from six metres but completely mistimed it.

Brogan was unlucky not to sore in the Sar minute from the Sar minute from the same of th

Brogan. Tsigaras charged out of goal but too late. Brogan neatly lobbed the ball over the head of the J.U.S.T. goalie and ran It into goal. despite the challenge of Vlatko Belic.

J.U.S.T. tried in vain to reorganise at half time! Off came Slobodan Stojcevski, no doubt relieved. and on came! Common the common state of the took of the common state of the common sta

acute angle.
It was 4-0. Croatia was rampant. J.U.S.T. was shatte-

CRAIG MAC KENZIE



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H MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0, to time. Hellas won 6-5 on penalties. Buffalo Gold Summer i-final at Olympic Park, last Friday night. Crowd: about autions: Halford (SMH), McMillan (PM). Referee: Peter Spiers 5.

ł MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 8 — Russell 7, Yzendoorn 7, j. Kalambokis 90th), Kalifatidis 7 — Davidson 7, Halford 8, Crino y 7 — Brown 8, Egan 8, Cocach; Len McKendry, ON MAKEDONIA: Potter 9 — Opasinis 7, McMillan 8, Dobson ski 6 — Flavell (inj. Livingston 24th, 5), Illoski 7, Odzakov 8 — ucchesi 7, Campbell 7, Coach: Peter Ollerton.

OURNE CROATIA 4 (Brogen 4th, 41st, 77th, Biskic 76th) RAY J.U.S.T. 0. Buffalo Gold Cup semi-final at Olympic it Saturday night. Crowd: about 8,000. Cautions: Davis, Curevic, Carroll (J.U.S.T.). Referee: Bambridge 8.

DURNE CROATIA: Blasby "7 — Curcio 8, Parton 8, Adams 8, b — Biskic 8, Antolovic 7, Faulkner 7, Gojevic 8 — Brogan 8, 8. Caoch: Terry Hennessy. CRAY J.U.S.T. Tsigaras 7 — Stojcevski 5 (Lujic H.T. 6), Davis 6, 17, Hazabent 8 — Curovic 7, Belic 5, O'Donnell 5 — Fernandez 6, Tutill 6. Coach: Bobby McLachian.

SCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (O'Donnell 2nd). GREEN GULLY AJAX npic Park, Wednesday night. Crowd: about 500. Referee:

CRAY J.U.S.T: Tsigaris 7 — Daviš 8 — Stojcevski 6, Hazabent 7 c 7, McDowell 6, Clayworth 6 (Petrov 46th min. 6), O'Donnell 7 l 8, Belic 7, Turill 6, Coach: Bobby McLachian. GULLY AJAX: Denys 6 — P. Beranic 7, Cannell 8, Kremers 7, — Mancinelli 5 (Toal 48th min. 7), Vassallo 7, Boyle 8, Williams rt 7, Smallman 5. Coach: Jimmy Rooney.

Flavell breaks leg in thriller

Hellas 0 Makedonia 0 Hellas won 6-5 on pen-alties

Hellas and Makedonia served notice that they'll be two of the big guns in the newly formed National Conference of the NSL with a spine-tingling semifinal which kept a big crowd riveted for over two hours of sometimes breathtaking action.

Hellas's slick interpassing going forward was a feature of the match, especially through the middle where Oscar Crino, Carl Halford, Doug Brown and Charlie Egan combined superbly.

alty showdown due to a com-bination of the goalkeeping heroics of Makedonia's Steve Potter, the refereeing of Peter Spiers, and the crossbar at the Swan Street end of the ground. Egan must have wondered what he'd done wrong to de-serve the treatment Potter gave him. The Makedonia keeper charged off his line and smothered brilliantly, almost at Egan's feet, in the 17th min-ute, and repeated the dose in the 64th minute. Brown too didn't escape lightly. Potter saved at Brown's feet in the 61st minute.

Gist minute.

Referee Spiers played a significant role moments after Potter had foiled Egan a second time. As the ball ran free. Egan again got possession, with Potter trying to get back into goal. Egan played to some the second time of the second from the second from behind by George McMillain. Referee Spiers was 10 metres from the incident. His positioning was excellent. His decision was dreadful. He waved play on.

Within 30 seconds, Zarko Od-zakov had headed against the Hellas bar.

It was that kind of game. Both sides never dawdled forward. It was a pleasure to watch. Let's hope that this kind of fare is served up con-sistently in the NSL this year.

sistently in the NSL this year.

Hellas looked the better
outfit from the outset. Not
shackled with the man-marking responsibilities of their opponents, the Hellas players
revelled in their comparative
freedom. Makedonia coach
Peter Ollerton had big McMillan marking Brown and Con
Opasinis marking Egan. Ian
Dobson was sweeper.

Flavel (aume off second best

Dobson was sweeper.
Flavell came off second best after tackling Brown in the IIst minute. Flavell tried to stand up but immediately collapsed and had to be carried off to the sideline. Further treatment didn't help and on came Alex Livingstone, who took over Flavell's midfield role.

Flavell will be sidelines for 16 weeks with a broken tibia. I always knew that he was a hard man but to try and stand up on a broken leg, like he did after first being injured, lets you know what sort of com-mitment is in the man.

Alan Davidson, playing his first game for Hellas since re-turning from overseas trials, got his head to an Egan cross but Potter got down and saved

Steve Blair was doing a fine job on Gary Cole. Makedonia too often played the ball to Cole in the air, allowing Blair to use his superior heading ability.

ability.

Crino's skills played a significant part in a moment of high tension in the 33rd minute. It should have been the decisive moment of this aborbing contest. Crino, near the by-line on the right, delicately chipped the ball to the far post, settling up Brown for a free header, which amazingly went wide from three metres!

extra time!

Nine minutes had gone when Campbell and Cole l'figure in a quick interchange on the left. Campbell played a great early bail to Lucchesi with Hellas caught too far behind. Lucchesi blew his chance by pushing the bail too far in front, allowing Laumets to challenge. The ball ran loose to Campbell, about 15 metres out on the left of the area. With Laumets struggling to recover and a Hellas defender desperately trying to cover for his stranded goaile by getting to the goal line, Campbell shot wide of the near post. That was the last good chance to the match.

The penalty showdown was

last good chance to the match.

The penalty showdown was every bit as exciting as the game. Cole was first and converted easily. So did Yzendoorn. Campbell was next but his weak attempt was saved by Laumets. Brown had no trouble giving Hellas a 2-1 lead. Lucchesi made it 2-2, then Egan muffed his chance, shooting against the post and out.

out.

Petrovski and Murphy made
it 3-3. Odzakov stepped up
next. Laumets saved, but referee Spiers ruled that the
Heilas goalie had moved to
oearly, and ordered a re-take.
Odzakov scored. So did Hallord, making it 4-4. Ilioski and
Russell converted, making it
5-5, then up walked McMillan.

The big defender had played his heart out but he was to blunder badly here. He had no trouble hammering in his first try but referce Spiers wasn't ready. McMillan missed with ready. McMillian his second attempt.

It was sudden death. If Da-vidson scored, Hellas was in the Cup final Laumets had no doubts. He casually walked towards the players' race, knowing that he would no longer be needed. Sure enough, 'Davidson didn't let him down.

- CRAIG MAC KENZIE

Which player scored most goals for the Australian National team?

The winner of last week's juiz is V. HORVATH of 38 Bose Street, Sefton, NSW 162.

Last week's correct answers are: 1. Alan Maher, 2. Paul Lewis, 3. Azzurri, 4. John Kosmina, 6. Agenor Muniz.

ex fails to break down J.U.S.T.

ijax 0 'ay J.U.S.T. to the semi-n a lucky secrute goal ian O'Donnell.

y and it was a beau-curled the ball with is left foot over the 4 Denys who was at 5t challenged by ball went straight post, much to the 2 Ajax players. The ly jubilation to the T. supporters. it cost \$6 to watch 16 for 70 minutes of

far from breathtaking soccer, when previously the same price covered two games.

In the first half we saw J.U.S.T ontrol the game for about 2 In the first half we saw J.U.S.T. control the game for about 25 minutes after the early goal. Curvoic made a few runs from deep on the right side and Carroll was mostly on the end of the through balls by the J.U.S.T. midfield and was one of J.U.S.T.'s better players.

Belic was playing a surprise new position of centre forward in place of injured Paton.

O'Donnell and Tutill, who was still playing on the left wing in place of injured Lujic, also had plenty to do during this period but the game started to even up and Ajax got better organised in midfield.

Stuart Cannell, who got himself injured during the game but kept going, was Ajax's best player. He was a true leader and dictated the game well from his sweeper's

game well from his sweeper's position. Boyle and Williams were pow-erhorses in the midfield, winning most of the play.

McDowell had a quiet game by his standard and the inexperienced Clayworth held on in midfield but made little impact on the game. He was eventually substituted by Petrov who couldn't do much

Belic did move back to a more accustomed role in midfield and Petrov was pushed up on the right wing.

Overall, it was a disappointing game. J.U.S.T. never looked like

scoring again, apart from a header by McDowell in the 30th minute of the second half which went across the goal line, after some good play by Carroll and a cross by Tutill.

by Carroll and a cross by Tutill
Ajax on the other hand, did not
have enough depth up front to do
nuch damage to the JULST,
defence. It took control of the
game for about 25 minutes at the
beginning of the second half, but
JULST, 3 defence was very tight,
playing an unusual three-man system. Stojcevski and Hazabent
were marking Smallman and
Smart, while Davis played sweeper behind them.



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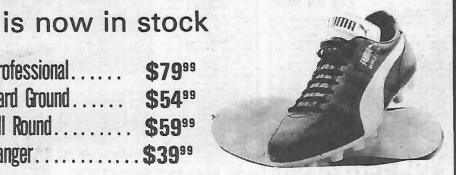
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PUMA BALLS

Dalglish lagged behind **Boyle**

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Paul Lewis Peter said he
wanted a transfer, but still
wanted to play for the club
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play at all. But he wanted me
to play, even though I didn't fit
into his plans.
"We're missing Paul
Lewis's goals, of course. He
was liable to score at any
time, and when we score, we
can afford to play a more relaxed game, and push the ball
around a bit."
Boyle, 32, joined Ajax mid-

around a bit.

Boyle, 32, joined Ajax midway through the 1882 season, from Preston Makedonia.

"Tve enjoyed it so much there that I've built a bouse in St. Albans, and we re moving in in about three weeks.

"I guess I should have accepted the coaching job when they offered it to me.

"That was when Bobby McLachhal left, to take over at J.U.S.T. He recommended me to the Ajax committee, but I told them I didn't think I was ready."

With Ajax, Boyle won two State League championships.

He had left Makedonia for a \$6000 transfer fee. "Peter Ollerton (Makedonia's coach) and I, didn't see eye to eye,"

lerton (Makedonia's coach) and I, didn't see eye to eye," Boyle says.
When he first joined Makedonia Irom West Adelaide Heilas for \$7000, Boyle travelled to Melbourne and back to Adelaide for games every weekend It wasn't until 1982 that he moved to Melbourne permanently.
Boyle came to Australia from Scotland in 1977 and played for West Adelaide until 1881. He and Neil McGachey were the key men in the West Adelaide team that won the 1971 Naja charten with the West Adelaide team that won the 1971 Naja charten with West Adelaide team that won the 1971 Naja charten with West Adelaide to the West Adelaide team that Boyle first left the club. "They signed him on a professional contract; even though he'd asked for an amateur form," Boyle says. "When I protested, they told mei twas none of my busienss, so eventually, I went to Port Adelaide on loan."
Back in Scotland, he was a

went to Port Adelaide on loan."

Back in Scotland, he was a professional with Clyde. Playing as a centre forward or winger, he was Clyde's top scorer for three years. In the Scottish League Cup one year, he outscored tigreat Kenny Dalglish. "He went on to better thing and I came here," says Boyle. Boyle's international career was about as short as any could be. He was chosen by coach

He was chosen by coach Rudi Gutendorf for a game against Czechoslovakia in 1980.

against Czechoslovakia in 1980.
"Gutendorf told me I was in the squad because he'd had a lot of pressure from the Press to include me. He told me all the papers wanted to see me play for Australia, so I should go out there and prove them right.
"Anyway, with about 15 minutes to go, be told me to go out and, literally, kick the Czech No. 7 who was having a tremendous game. No Joking!
"It was hard enough gettling into the play, without trying to

"It was hard enough getting into the play, without trying to kick this guy. If I did kick him, it mustn't have been hard enough, because Gutendorf wasn't happy at all. The player hadn't been carried off."

Boyle and Ajax have a reputation of being hard, tough and mean. Is it justified?
"I don't mind playing it

"I don't mind playing it hard," Boyle says, "and nobody takes liberties with me, but I'm not dirty by any

me, but I'm not dirty by any means.
"And neither is the team.
"And neither is the team, sure, we were hard and physical, but we also had players with skill. We were the best pressuring team I've played in. As soon as we lost the ball, we got close to our opponents and we forced them into mistakes. It was very effective."



Western Suburbs. Back row: Steve Kakantonis, George Borg, Billy Johnson, Fotis Alexopoulos, Chris Konstantinidis, Sam Matheou, Alex Filippis, Jimmy Condilis (coach). Front: Steve Dimovski, Billy Hammill, Tim Papachristodoulou, Domenic Diliberto, Bill Lazopoulos, John Condilis, Phil Diamantaris. Missing: Frank Mussel, High Howe, George Lekkas, Andy Esposito. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Big Dockerty Cup win for Norths

North Dandenong marched into the first main round of the 1984 Dockerty Cup with a resounding 5-0 win over Ring-wood United Serbia Ringwood last weekend.

North's goals came from Davie Nelson, Arthur McMil-lan. Alistair Taylor, Nell Collyer and promising young-ster Marko Roggero McMil-lan, Taylor and Wally Os-cilowski were North's best players

cilowski were North's best players.
Yallourn, thanks to goals in each half from Mc Whitrer and Tommy Leckey, downed Waverley City 2-1. City's goal, from Redmond, came with Yallourn two goals up, and although Waverley created chances it suffered from poor finishing.

though Waveriey created chances its suffered from poor finishing. Results of last weekend's second preliminary round: Kew City O Springvale City 3; Hamlym Rangers O East Brunswick I; Thomastown 3 Mooroolbark O; Langwarin 1 Holland Park 1; Ardeer 1 South Oskieigh 5; Lalor United 3. Melbourne 1; Yallourn 2 Waverley City 1; Kayaborough O, Karingal 5; Ringwood United O North Dandenang 5; Haverley City 1; Kayaborough O North Dandenang 5; Honorang Carbon Gate 2; Moranne O Altono Gate 2; Moranne O

Top UK duo

Two players with Eng-lish Football League ex-perience, want to play soccer in Australia.

soccer in Australia.

Simon Hunt, 21, has played 109 first team games for Wrexham, scoring 22 goals. Hunt has played in midfield and in defence. He can be contacted by letter at: 51, St David's Crescent, Llay, Wrexham, North Wales, or by phoning Chester (0244) on 67 4184. Neil Connell is a goalkeeper in his early 20's. He has had five years at Middlesborough and also has played with Aberdeen and Montrose. He can be contacted by letter at: 8, Tallsman Road, Garthdee, Aberdeen ABITER, Scotland.



Paul Lewis in action for Ajax

It's Hellas or bust, says Paul Lewis

It's South Melbourne Hellas or bust for Green Gully Ajax dissident Paul Lewis, the hottest striking proper-ty on the Victorian market.

Agax dissident Paul Lewis, the hottest striking property on the Victorian market.

Anyone doubting Lewis's scorer for the past two seafirm resolve to join Hellas should think again. We hear that Ajax offered him 200 a game, \$6,000 to sign-on and free labor to build a house! Lewis would only have had to pay for materials.

So what's the attraction offered by Hellas?

"It's not the money, because I haven't even discussed terms with Hellas. I just want to play in a, side that's going to do something this year and as far I can see, Hellas is the best side to play for. They'll do a better job in the NSL than Green Gully," said Lewis.

Lewis, who joined Ajax from the U.K. in 1981 and has been the leading State League

STARS AT NORTHCOTE

The Northcote Cup will be staged at John Cain Reserve this Sunday and will feature stars such as Juan Toro, Ante Bilaver, Serge Sabbadini and Carlo Sabidussi.

Toro, the little Chilean ball wizard, transfer-listed by Heidelberg United, will play for Northcote. Bilaver will line-up for St Albans Dinamo, whose player-coach Billy Vojtek,

was hopeful of signing Bilaver, Dennis Moro-vic, Mate Bozic and George Radman, all from Croatia, as we went to press Sabbadini and Sabidussi will play for Bulleen. Metro Third Division club Port Melbourne also will contest the Northcote Cup.

The first match, between Dinamo and Bulleen, will kick off at 2.30 pm, followed by the Northcote and Port Melbourne clash. The final, featuring the two winners, kicks off at 5pm.

Roll up, roll up! To the mighty Buffalo Cup. Venue: North

Crinigan Reserve, Morwell. Just a hop, Reserve, skip, and a 180 kilometre jump from Melbourne.

Melbourne.

Yes folks, it's Butfalo Cup semifinal time, and in keeping with the
attitude which prevails under an
equatorial sun, the VSF has decided to make three Melbourne
based clubs — Polonia, Knox
City and Box Hill — Travel to a far
from neutral venue for Sunday's
penullimate cup showdown.

"The VSF's totally unco-ordinated. It's out of touch with
the realities of the game,"
said Box Hill coach Bill MurTay.

the realities of the game, said Box Hill coach Bill Murrays.

Knox caretaker coach Trevor Owen echoed Murray's sentiments and Polonia is far from happy with the choice of semi-final yeune.

Nevertheless, Polonia looks likely to win a place in the final, despite Knox City's outstanding effort in the cup so far. Knox, which takes on Polonia at 1.30 pm in the first of Sunday's semi-final double header, is hoping that sweeper Tim Tunstall will be fit in the first of Sunday's semi-final double header, is hoping that sweeper Tim Tunstall will be fit in the first of Sunday's better performers so far in the cup but he's struggling to throw off the effects of a corked thigh, incurred last weekend against Box Hill.

Stuart McTurk also has a corked thigh but caretaker coach Trevor Owen, deputising for Eric Lesbirel, who is overseas, was confident that McTurk would be fit to face Polonia Not that Knox is short of a quality replacement. Should McTurk be unavailable, young Corado Nobile will plain goal.

Knox will be boosted in midfield by the return, from holiday, of experienced Duncas Directors Briender of the Renan, a midfielder trom Birmipham in Fieland.

player.

Tom Birmingham in England, here the property of the second probably will use specied to specied in the second probably will use specied in the second probably will use specied in the second probably will use specied part to take on the Knox defence so far in this cup as Box Hill, Wilhelmina, Frankston Pines, Doveton, and Northcote were the other participants in Knox's group in the preliminary rounds. It's interesting note that Knox's only loss was in last Box Hill. The Billimen and the second property of the second semi-final between Morwell and Box Hill, looms as a real nail biter. Pedro Ramos may make a surprise appearance in the Box Hill line-up. Andy Hughes, who was holidaying last week end, will be back as will Briaden, while Priestley has been nursing an ankle injury.

But where will coach Murray fit in this quarter?

Murray thas the pleasing problem of having his strongest squad available so far in the cup but wondering who should be left out.

Morwell to will be back to full strength after striker Russiand and supporters to Laura Douglas Reserve last Sunday and was disciplined by being left out of the side. However, Bingham's a certain starter here.

Gerry Clarke was understandably uncomfortable under stone and probably will revert to his more customary sweeper's role against Box Hill. Bobb

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

semi venue

McGuinness up front, that leaves Tony van Baar, Steve Moore, Jim MacLean, John O'-Callaghan and Chris Kent vying for four midfield posi-

vying for four midfield posi-tions.

Morwell will start favories. Not so, in mine. There's little to choose between these outfits. While Morwell, man for man, appears to have the classier, line-up, Box Hill is noted for its tremendous spirit and work rate and, as a team unit, the Hillmen combine very well.

T'm not brave enough to pre-dict the outcome.

Back to the venue con-troversy.

"We want to promote soccer in the Latrobe Valley," said VSF secretrary George Wall-

"Anyway, the State League clubs agreed to using Morwell for either the semis or the final in a recent meeting."
That suggests that at least three State League clubs need to improve communications between their coach and State League delegate.
Morwell coach Jimmy Dunne can have the final say.
"Remember that we had to travel to Melbourne for midweck matches. No one seemed to think that we were hard done by then."

Buffalo Cup details

SECTION A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Knox City	5	4	0	1	7	3	8
Box Hill					6	3	7
Wilhelmina	5	2	2	1	6	3	6
Frankston Pines	5	1	2	2	3	3	4
Northcote	5	1	1	3	3	7	3
Doveton	5	1	0	4	3	9	2

SECTION B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Morwell Falcons	6	4	2	0	15	3	10
Polonia	6	4	1	1	16	6	9
Fawkner	6	4	1	1	14	10	9
St Albans Dinamo	6	3	0	3.	10	12	6
Western Suburbs	6	2	1	3	9	12	5
Broadmeadows	6	1	1	4	6	10	3
Albion Powers		0	0		-	20	0

KNOX CITY 0 BOX HILL 1 (White 50th) at Egan Lee Reserve, last Sunday

KNOX CITY: Nobile 8 — Russell 7, Tunstall 8 [in] Headey H.7.7, Bissinger 8, Dison 7 — Gurney 7 (Hearthorne 50th), Marrey 7, (Hearthorne 50th), Marrey 7, Nouse 7, Coech: Trevor Owen (caretaker), St. (Hearthorne 50th), McChoe 6, Tolmie 6, Lauder 7, A. (Underwood 7, McChoel 6 — Verachie 7, Smith 8, White 7, Coech: Bill Marrey.

NOBTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 7

- Wright 7, Ketsaklids 8, Cutler 7,
Kliton 5 - Wilson 7, Guigley 7,
Culina 6 (Inj. Mametia 65th) - Diontapoulos 6, Searcht 7, Costandinos 6, Coschi: Tany Victina.
- Wilson 6, Thurlow 7, Cumming
7, Beach 6 - Cooke 6, Millar 6,
Bruce 60th, Cullen 6 - Dick 6,
Spencer 5 (Muly) 50th), O'Halloman
7, Coach: Damy McMinimea

RINGWOOD WILHEL-MINA 3 (Stewart 20th, Warszawski 39th, 56th) DOVETON 0 at Jubilee Park, last Sunday.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Lee 6 — Mayer 7, Rammers 6, Corke 6, Verniers 7 — Whyte 6, Warszawski 8, Shannon 8 — Bakker 6, Burton 7, Stewart 7. Coech: Rudi van Alte-

na.

DOVETON: Ryan 6 — McLaod 7,
Millar 7, Laletsa 6, Fittpatrick 8 —
Holmas 6, Edmondson 5, Nelson 6,
Ropgero 6 (Kilner 50th) — Webster 6, McCormack 5 (Jones H.T. 7).
Coach: Hammy McMoechan.

BROADMEADOWS 1 (Watson 45th) MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Clarke 62nd) at Laura Douglas Reserve,

BROADMEADOWS: Grach 6 — Sciclinia 7, Visini 7, Donaldson 8, Ellis 8 — Weston 8, Stolkes 7, Pocock 8 — Vasic 5, Vaccaro 2, Liberto 7, Coach: Dave 0'Connor. MORWELL FALCONS: White-side 7 — Bruans 7, Moore 2, Higham 8, Train 7 — MacLean 6,

O'Callaghan 7, Kent 6 - T. van Baer 6, Clarke 6, McGuinness 6. Coach: Jimmy Dunne. ST ALBANS DINAMO 1 (N. Batinovic 18th) FAW-KNER 2 (Cozzella 38th, 68th) at Churchill Reserve, last Sunday.

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Pavlovic 5
- M. Betlovot 8, Bruno
6, Krolo S. Coch: Bill Vojesh
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Finkas 9, G. Sannon 7, PalmFinkas 9, G. Sannon 7, Palm
Cocraille 8, Sannipoli 6. Coach: Gus
Mescicol.

WESTERN SUBURBS 3 (Hammill 12th, Lazopoulos 26th, Diamentaris 50th) ALBION ROVERS 1 (Reid 18th) at Chaplin Reserve, last Sunday.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Alexo-poulos 6 — Borg 6 (Metheou 58th), Olmovski 7, Kekartonis 7, Leikkas 7 — Nammili 7, K. Coyle 7, Papach-ristordoulou 7 — Diliberto 6 (Dis-mantaris H.T. 6), Laxopoulos 8, Fi-lippis 6. Coech: Jimmy (Condilis. ALBION ROYERS: NOT AVAIL-alle.

ALL THE SCORERS

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3 — Vojlek (Dinamm), Waston
(Brandmedowsk), Balker (Wilhelmina)
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6 (Brandmedowsk), Balker (Wilhelmina)
7 – Veseror (Bronnia (Box Hill)
7 – Velentine, White (Box Hill)
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Sperice, O'Hollowan (Pires), State
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Brazilian star Falcao (right) tackles Argentina's Diego Maradona

rubbed shoulders with Falcao and Conti



LAURIE SCHWAB

It's been just over a year since Andrew Zinni kicked the ball around with Roberto Falcao and Bruno Conti.

Falcao and Bruno
Conti.

That was during Zinni's training stint with AS Roma in Italy, arranged for him by Italo Acconcia, coach of the Italian team that was here for the World Youth Championship in 1981.

Zinni was a raw, wide-eyed kid then.

Today he's on the way to be coming the Conti of Australia.

John Margaritis is his coach at Juventus (Vic), and he's done a lot to develop Zinni's talents, but the coach who deserves most praise for the emergence of this young star is Tony Boggi, who picked him out from among the young hopefuls at Port Melbourne.

Zinni, 19 on March 6, is a Melbourne University student in the second year of a continuity of the Control of the Control

under 19s, coached by former Italian international Romeo Benetti Zinni was there for about six

weeks
Falcao, Conti, DiBartolomei
and the other Roma stars, encouraged Zinni and often had
kick-abouts with him.
At the end of the trial, Roma
asked Zinni to stay on and play.
for Roma's under 19 team, but
he had his university studies to

return to.

Now he's poised for his first season in the National League—and he'll be one of its brightest stars, there's nothing

est stars, there surer.
Zinni's name would have been known nation-wide had it not been for two injuries last

not been for two injuries last year.

The first, sustained in game against Ajax, prevented him from going to train with the Australian youth team in Sydney. So did the second, sustained against Doveton.

And so, as the young Soceroos flew off to Mexico for the World Youth Championships, Zinni was left behind, pondering what might have been had it not been for those tackles that put him out of action.

have been had it not been for those tackles that put him out of action.

Such is his speed, his verve, his skill, that Zinni became a marked man in the Victorian State League last year.

"I exposed myself too much to hard tackles. I made myself a target," he says. "Now I'm learning to protect myself. John Margaritis is teaching me to shield the ball properly and avoid injuries. Also, our new midfielder, John Dowie, is giving me the type of service I need, which is a great advantage."

Dowie, is giving me the type of service I need, which is a great advantage."

If Zinn is one of the entertainers who will draw the crowds back this year, who, in his opinion, are the others?

He mentioned only one—but he used the most glowing of terms.

"Tommy Cumming of terms," 'Comming of terms," 'Comming of terms," 'To many Cumming of tronting, "To love to be like him.

"You feel it throughout the stadium, as soon as he gets the all. He gets the crowd's undivided attention straight away. They cheer him on, they walt for what he's about to do. He earns enormous respect from earns enormous respect from the crowd, and from all the players. He's an outstanding personality in Australian soc-cer."



When Zinni Hrst broke into the Juventus first team, he re-placed one of the players he admired most — Tony Heery. "I always admired Heery for his great skill, and I never dreamed that I could ever take his place."

But the Juventus team has But the Juventus team has

But the Juventus team has changed considerably since then. Gone are Heery, Peter Donaldson, Ged Bannon, Stewart Conningham and Graham French.

Now there are new men—Joe Sweeney, Gary Ward, Richard Miranda, Sean Keogh, John Dowie and those who chief the search of the s

Cullea, Paul Drinoczky, Billy Rogers...
"I think we'll be up there with the leaders at the end of the year," says Zinni.
"We're still settling down, because we've got a lot of new players, but under Margaritis, we'll be a force.
"All we need is the right for-nula.
"Our midfield will be one of

na. 'Our midfield will be one of

"Our midfield will be one of the strongest in Australia, but first we have to get our defence together. If the defence doesn't function, then the midfielders have to drop back and the spearheads aren't fed properly. "We had a stopper. Paul Drinozcky was injured, and missed a lot of games, although he might be back in about a month now. Vince Bannon is going to Scotland about mid-season and will miss a lot of games too, so the club might need another right back.

back.
"To plug the stopper's position, we've used Miranda,
Dowie, Rogers and Swinscoe
there at different times—
and all are midfielders."
Although he's also skilful
and aggressive, and has a nose
for goal. Zinn's greatest asset
is his speed—and no wonder,
as he's been involved in athletics since he was nine.

les since he was nine.

He ran for the Brighton Athletic Cilbu nutil he was 12, he represented Victoria in the 100 heter hurdles at under 10 level, he represented Christian Brothers College in St. Kilda every year for st. St. Kilda every year for st. St. Kilda every year for st. Kilda every year for st. Kilda every year for st. St. Kilda every year for st. Hendles title three times, and also equalled the ACC record for that event, although he competed also in other events, up to 400 metres.

Has he ever come up against

joined last year — R Cullen, Paul Drinoczky, Rogers...

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Andrew Zinni (left) about to slip past Melbourne Croatia stopper Sean Parton. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

SOCCER ACTION, 22 February, 1984

Zinni also had kind words for his team mate Pat Bannon — that inspiring centre-back who was captain of Heidel-berg-Alexander in the NSL.

berg-Alexander in the NSL.

"He's always been behind
me. He's always been there to
encourage and inspire me.
When I'd had a bad game, he's
say: 'Don't let anything get
you down. You can overcome
it.' The same goes for his
brother, Vince. He's been a big
help to me too."

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Zinni started playing soccer at the age of eight, with the Melbourne-Hungaria juniors. His coach was Leif Jensen, former Victorian State junior coach, and his team-mates at Melbourne included Mtke Petersen (now with Heidelberg). Gordon Livingstone (Frankston Pines) and Danny Zemunik (Croatia juniors). Zinni played as centre former or the wing, and his best goalscoring year was in the under 10s, where he scored ga

Jensen kept the team together for five or six year, and
then moved it, intact, to Hekeah, as an under 13 outfit
That year, Zinni was appointed captain of the Victorann State under 13 side. He was
in the State team that won the
national under 14 title in Adeiaide in 1979, and continued to
represent Victoria up to under
16 level.
From Hakoah, he mowed to

18 level.

18 level.

Portor Melbourne, where he played from under 13 to under 15 played from under 13 to under 16 levels. His coaches there were Strates Kalegeros (ex-Heilas). Stan Hackett and Hans Petersen (ex-Wihleilmina and Hakoah), and during that time, Port Melbourne was league champion three years in a row, and won the State under 14 and under 15 titles.

In 1981, Zinni toured New Zealand with the State under 16 team, which returned un-beaten. Zinni, with seven goals, was the team's top scorer, and now senior clubs sat up and started to take not-ice.

"That tour is what really set me off," Zinni recalls. "Tony Boggi came down to Port Mel-bourne to have a look at me, and invited me to Juventus.

and invited me to Juventus.

"Well, I'd been going to Juventus matches with my father (Joe) since I was three, so naturally I'd always wanted to play for them eventually. I'd never played a senior game when I went down there, but I started training with them, and it didn't take long before I got a few half-games and then full games. I had about is to general to



Cork, Eaton for Lions; **Kelso to Redlands**

Former Croydon and Ringwood Wilhelmina player David Cork is set to sign for NSL club Brisbane Lions.

Cork, 24, trialled with the Queensland club last week after he was brought to Brisbane by new Lions coach Harry

Noon had seen Cork play in Sydney, when he had a spell with Sydney Olympic, and knew of his background in England with Manchester United and Doncaster.

Noon long ago had decided that if he ever coached an NSL team he would strongly consider signing Cork, whom he believes has np! yet shown his full potential in Australia.

Australia.

Cork is one of three interstate players Noon has
brought to Brisbane over the
past fortnight in an attempt
to strengthen the Lions
team, which finished bottom

last seeson.

Former Western Suburbs
and Sydney Olympic striker
Clive Eaton, who has 31 NSL
goals to his credit, played in
two trial games for Lions
last weekend and probably
will be signed.

Eaton played under Noon
Least year at NSW State
League club Kuringai.

Noon also wants to sign another Kuringai player,

Preston Makedonia was fined \$750 and its player Ian Dobson fined \$1,000 last week as the result of an NSL hearing on charges brought against Make-donia and Dobson by Mel-

urne Croatia.



Steve Knight, who was ex-pected to arrive in Brisbane this week for trials. Knight, a lanky but strong player, is likely to be slotted into the Lions midfield

Eaton and Knight are understood to have max-imum transfer clauses in the contracts with Kuringai, and could prove to be bargain buys for Lions.

After watching Lions play several trials, Noon is now evaluating his squad and if the three interstate players are signed it would not surprise if a similar number from last year's squad are put on to the transfer list.

No names have been men-tioned yet, but indications are there may be at least one surprise.

Meanwhile, former New-castle United striker Bob Mountford has begun set-ling in at Brisbane City and is likely to play a key role in the side's attack this season.

Makedonia to

appeal on

Dobson fine?

After arriving at Spencer Park just over a week ago, following a holiday in England, Mountford has played in several triats, and although short of match fitness, the former Stockport County player has demonstrated some nice touches and looks set to form a handy, and hopefully fruitful, attacking partnership with City's young strikers Stephen Glockner, Lee Scriggins and Angelo Falco. In other Queensland NSL

In other Queensland NSL news, young Brisbane Lions striker Alan Hunter has resigned for the club after walking out over a contractual dispute.

Hunter, 19, asked for permission to train with Brishane City but stayed at Spencer Park only one night before returning to Lions and accepting an offer, reportedly considerably less than what he first had respected.

Brisbane City has given former Kilmarnock striker Joe Cairney a free transfer. Cairney, who can be con-tacted on (07) 350 2048 has expressed an interest in playing in Victoria.

Former Brisbane City and Lions striker Barry Kelso has returned to his former club Redlands, which now plays in the QSF's Inter-mediate League (Second Division).

Kelso, who with 40 NSL goals is by far the highest Queensland National League scorer, made the move after he lost his driver's licence and found it difficult to get to training at either City or Lions, where he played on loan last year. Redlands, about 20km outside of Brisbane, is near Kelso's home.

Kelso made his return for Kelso made his return for the Baysiders in the CocaCola Bottlers pre-season tournament at Lammam
Park recently. Although he
showed his old speed and
brilliant heading ability,
Kelso's shooting was well off
target and Redlands went
down 3-1 to Rochedale.

Brisbane's two NSL clubs City and Lions, will play two games a week for the first month of the national league.



In addition to the weekly NSL fixture, the two clubs intend taking part in the QSF's XXXX tournament, the major pre-season competition in Brisbane.

Lions have managed to get their XXXX games sched-uled for Wednesday nights, which should give them some handy early season match practise, but City will be playing on Friday nights — only two days before their NSL matches.

Apparently City directors asked for Friday night games, saying many of their supporters would not attend a Wednesday night clash.

In addition to the two NSL sides, the tournament will feature the 10 new Premier League clubs, as controversially chosen recently by the QST restructuring committee. The tournament carries \$8000 in prizemoney and should be dominated by City and Lions, with possible Ipswich or Mount Gravatt having a chance.

replace." "I'm amazed and astounded at the verdict," said Makedonia president John Branov. "We'll be appealing against the decision provided the appeal is heard in Melbourne and the fee for lodging an appeal isn't exorbitant," he added Donson signed a contract with Croatia late last year, flew to England for a holiday and on his return, signed with Makedonia. Dobson's club Croydon came to terms with Makedonia over a transfer fee for the stopper after transfer negotiations with Croatia broke down. Neither Croatia nor Makedonia was happy with the result of the hearing. "We expected a far heftler fine to be imposed on both Dobson and Preston. We thought that the NSL would make an example of the player in order to discourage other players from signing contracts with different clubs," said Croatia spokesman Frank Burin. Mistake in fixtures

"We've lost a player we counted upon to strengthen our team in the NSL this year and he's going to be very hard to replace."

The 1984 NSL fixtures printed in "Soccer Action" last week ontained the wrong information for round 21.

The correct games for round 21 on August 18/19 are

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE: Blacktown v Syd. Croatia, Marcon Penith, Newcastle v St George, Syd. City v APIA, Syd. Olympic v risbane City, Wollongong v Melita Eagles.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE: Brisb. Lions v Makedonia, Juventus v Adel City. Foots. JUST v Canberra, Heidelberg v G. Gully Ajax, Sun-George Cross v SM Hellas, West Adel. v Melb. Croatia Readers are advised to attach this information to the fixtures we pub-lished last week.

Gatenby joins Flounders, two Juve's to meet

Neville Flounders and Mark Gatenby have been reunited at Adelaide City Ju-

Gatenby, 23, and Flounders played together at Witney Town in the English Southern Pre-

as winney rown in the English Southern Pre-mier League.

Flounders has been a tower of strength in Juve's defence for some seasons. Gatenby joins him from New Zeeland club Rangers

More than 6ft. tall, he uses his body w he's good in the air and fast too.

Adelaide Juventus will meet Juventus (Vic) in a friendly game at Olympic Sports Fields, Adelaide, at 2:30 pm on Sunday, February 26.

Has he ever come up against a defender who's faster? "I don't think so," was his understatement. His most satisfying goal? His most satisfying goal?

"It would have to be the one I scored against Croatia in the Buffalo Summer Cup, not only because it was the equaliser, but because it was the equaliser, but because Croatia had been built up to be such a good team, and because they wanted to prove themselves better than us after we'd bearen them twice last year. That maintained my record against them every time I've played them. Last year I good the second one when we beat them '2-1, and in the return game I scored the first as we started our fightback, from being two goals down, to win 3-2.

"My goal in the Buffalo Cup

"My goal in the Buffalo Cup broke the ice for me. I needed something to give me con-fidence for my first season in the big time."

European Football Championship 1982-1984 England,

Fixture List of the Preliminary Round

Group 1 (Belgium, German Democratic Republic, Scotland, Switzerland)				
6.10.82	Belgium - Switzerland	3-0		
13.10.82	Scotland - German Democratic Republic Switzerland - Scotland	2-0		
15, 12, 82	Belgium - Scotland	3-2		
30. 3.83	Scotland - Switzerland	2-2		
30. 3.83	German Democratic Republic - Belgium	1-2		
27. 4.83	Belgium - German Democratic Republic	2-1		
14. 5.83	Switzerland - German Democratic Rep.	0-0		
12.10.83	Scotland - Belgium	1-1		
12.10.83	German Democratic Rep - Switzerland	3-0		
9.11.83	Switzerland – Belgium	3-1		
16.11.83	German Democratic Republic - Scotland	2-1		

Group 2 (Poland, USS	R, Portugal, Finland)		
8. 9.82	Finland - Poland		2-3
22. 9.82	Finland - Portugal		0-2
10.10.82	Portugal – Poland		2-1
13.10.82	USSR – Finland		2-0
17. 4.83	Poland – Finland		1-1
27. 4.83	USSR – Portugal		5-0
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9.10.83	USSR - Poland		2-0
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26.10.83	Hungary - Denmark	1-0		
16.11.83	Greece - Denmark Luxembourg - England	0-2		
3.12.83	Greece - Hungary	2-2		
14.12.83	Greece - Luxembourg	1-0		

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8. 9.82	Rumania – Sweden	2-0
6.10.82	Czechoslovakia – Sweden	2-2
13.11.82	Italy - Czechoslovakia	2-2
13.11.82	Cyprus – Sweden	0-
4.12.82	Italy Rumania	0-6
12. 2.83	Cyprus – Italy	1-
27. 3.83	Cyprus - Czechoslovakia	1-
16. 4.83	Rumania – Italy	1-0
16. 4.83	Czechoslovakia – Cyprus	6-6
15. 5.83	Sweden - Cyprus	5-6
15. 5.83	Bumania – Czechoslovakia	0-
29. 5.83	Sweden - Italy	2-0
9. 6.83	Sweden – Rumania	0-
21. 9.83	Sweden - Czechoslovakia	1-1
15.10.83	Italy - Sweden	0-
12.11.83	Cyprus - Rumania	0-
16.11.83	Czechoslovakia – Italy	2-6
30.11.83	Czechoslovakia – Rumania	1-
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27.10.82	Spain - Iceland	1-0
17.11.82	Republic of Ireland - Spain	3-3
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16. 2.83	Spain - Netherlands	1-0
30. 3.83	Malta - Republic of Ireland	0-
27. 4.83	Spain - Republic of Ireland	2-0
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16.11.83	Netherlands - Spain	2-
16.11.83	Republic of Ireland - Malta	8
17.12.83	Netherlands - Malta	5-0
21.12.83	Spain - Malta	12-

Holland to Brazil

England and Holland, both of which failed to qualify for June's European Ghampionship finals, will instead participate in a Six-team tourament staged to celebrate tho 75th anniversary of the Brazilian federation.

Uruguay, Argentina and Mexico have also accepted invitations, to join host Brazil as Latin America's

The first stage of the tournament will consist of two groups of three teams, with the section winners contesting the final.

For obvious reasons, England and Argentina are to be kept apart, unloss they win a place in the final.



SOCCER ROUND IE WORLD

Valkeakosken Haka ha, ha, ha!

The clash between Liverpool and Benfica, both former holders of the European Champions' Cup, stands out in the quarter-finals of this year's Cup, on March 8 and 22.

Liverpool looked to be at its

Liverpool looked to be at its thoroughbred best when winning at Athletic Bilbao and certainly has sufficient alf-round strength to go all the way and claim a lourth crown in the May final set for Rome, the scene of its first triumps in 1977.

Benfica: runner-up in last year's UEFA Cup, is beginning to regain the look of a viable contender and, under the guidance of wily coach Sven-Goran Eriksson, has served notice it intends to emulate the great "Eagles from Lisbon" of the early '60s.

The outcome of this tie

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By PAUL MOON

could well depend upon the form of enigmatic Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelant, whose errors led to the English champions' elimination by Poland's Widzew Lodz at this stage last season Roma, largely through the presence of Falcao, Conti and Cerzo, is the bookmakers' favorite to lift the trophy on its home turf, but first it faces a tricky encounter with Dynamo Berlin before reaching the semi finals.

The Berliners, East Germany's champions for the past five years, have yet to make a sustained impression in Europe and are unlikely to enhance their record this time. Though a tough nut to crack, crack they probably will.

Dynamo Bucharest, shock conqueror of holder SV Hamburg, faces its namesake from the USSR, Dynamo Minsk, in what promises to be an interesting tie.

Minsk has also been impressive in earlier rounds and, overall, looks to be too strong

esting tie.

Minsk has also been impressive in earlier rounds and overall, looks to be too strong for the Rumanians

Scotland's Dundee United has won many admirers in Europe this term and is expected to overcome the unexciting Rapid Vienne Lunexciting Rapid Vienne beyond the quarter finals but if able to reproduce the form displayed against Standard Liege, should emulate neighbour bundee which reached the last four in 1963.

Scotland has an excellent chance of having two representatives in the European Cups semi-finals for the first time since 1972, as holder Aberdeen must be favored to beat Ulpest Dosza in the Cup Winners' Cup.

Despite its victory over Cologne in round two, on away goals, the Budapest side rarely has risen above mediocre in recent years.

Surely the most clear-cut tie of them all Star XI, and Val-European All Star XI, and Val-

of them all concerns Juventus, whose team sheet reads like a European All Star XI, and Valkeakosken Riaka — the first Finnish side to quality for a quarter final.

Not only are the Finns totally outclassed on paper, but they must also play their "home" leg on neutral territory, as Finland's grounds are under snow and ice at this time of year.

year.
Hopefully, the pay-out Haka

Hopefully, the pay-out Haka receives for its endeavours will make the experience worthwhile. The matches featuring Portugal's Opporto, despite the presence of free-scoring Fernando Gomes, and the USSR's Shakhyor Donetsk are not likely to set the pulse racing with excitement, for neither has a great tradition in Euhas a great tradition in Euhas a great tradition.

ropean football and their current strengths suggest that the eventual winner will not advance boyond the semi final. In contrast, wheever survives the Barcelona v Manchester United collision will stand alongside Juventus as an obvious challenger for ultimate success.

The return of Maradona might tip the scales in Barca's favor, but the present "Red Devills", when at their best, are a match for anyone. It will be interesting to see how Bryan Robson, rated so highly in Birtain, fares against Maradona.

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If Manchester United and Liverpool :acceed in their tasks, England's clean sweep of Europe, which Fleet Street predicts with monotonous, arrogant regularity every August, will take a big strength of the proposed for the proposed for the program of the proposed for the proposed fo

Bye, Keegan

Kevin Keegan is to quit the game at the end of the current

game at the end of the current season.

The former England cap-tain, announcing his retire-ment on his 33rd birthday, said be wanted "to quit at the top and I really feel I'm still there!"

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Keegan, a former European Footballer of the Year, played for England 64 times in a glitering 16-year career which began at Third Division Scunthorpe United and took him to Liverpool — where he made his name — SV Hamburg of West Germany, Southampton and Newcastle.

In his six years at Liverpool.

and Newcastle.
In his six years at Liverpool,
he won three English League
Championship titles, the European Cup of Champions, two
UEFA Cup trophies and the
english F.A. Cup.

Countries underlined have qualified for the finals in France this year.





Soccer action from the Hawaiian World Soccer Crown final between Langley (Canada) and Laguna (Hawaii) at Aloha Stadium take part next year.

• LEFT: Organisers of the Hawaiian World Soccer Crown, from left: Susan Harrington, Soccer Crown, from left: Susan Harrington, Sharon Kauhi, David Kauhi, Patty Calvan, Dennis Minga, Peter McKibbin, Jane Pino, George Long, Sarah West, Neil West, Adolf Kinberger and Des Bolton.

Hawaii surf, soccer

The annual Royal Hawaiian World Soccer Crown will be contested in Honolulu from March 19 to 25 - one of the highlights of world amateur soccer.

Competing teams from all over the world mix their soccer with a taste of the tropical paradise that is Hawaii.

The "Hawaiian Ex-perience" takes in lazy afternoons on Waikiki beach, glamorous nights in the Honolulu hot spots, and the sights and sounds of Oahu.

Australian teams take note!



Hawaiian tainment at the Budweiser Luau, one of the functions during Hawaii's soccer week.

Crvena Zvezda, Etoile Rouge, Roter Stern, Estrella Roja, Stella Rose or Red Star:

BY PAUL MOON

From the re-organisation of Yugosiv soccer after the Second World War, through the present time, Red Star Belgrade has been at the forefront of domestic soccer.

Its 14-league championships and 10 Yugoslav

Cup wins are both records and have assured Red Star of an almost permanent entry into the major European cups.

MILOS SESTIC: A 27-year-old forward, he joined Red Star from school. Earned 13 under 23 caps before gradu-ating to full international level and made 10th senior appear-ance in last World Cup finals. Club captain.

EUropean CUps.
Yet, Red Star never has captured one of these. It can be stated with some conviction that it is the most famous European club not to have the Champions' Cup, Cup Winners' Cup or UEFA Cup adorn its trophy room.
Referred to as Crvena Zvezda, Red Star, Etoile Rouge, Roter Stern, Estrella Roja or Stella Rose, respect has been earned throughout the continent.

hearned throughout the continent. It was on a journey back from a hard-fought draw with Red Star that Manchester United was decimated by the Munich air disaster. It was against Red Star that Paradinalkos staged it come the continent of the cont

Simonsen penalty.

Perhaps Red Star's greatest claim to fame is the number of great players who have worn its colors — names to make Yugoslav soccer fans mistyeyed.

eyed
Arguably, the king of them
all was Dragoslav Sekularac, a
gypsy, whose glorious ability
was handicapped by an explosive temperament.

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In total contrast to Sekularac. Rajko Mittic never was
booked in over 600 sento
games, in which he accumulated 548 goals.

Vladimir Beara is remembered as one of the great goalkeepers of the 1950s. A former
emarkably supple.

In more recent times,

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In more recent times, Dragan Dzajic was capable of giving any full back a night-mare when storming down the left wing.

Formed in 1945 from the ashes of the old Belgrade University Club, Red Star today has only tenuous links with the university.

Like all top Yugoslav clubs it constantly suffers from the loss of players through mili-tary service. It is impossible to calculate what it would have achieved with a more stable

Red Star's key men

TOMISLAV IVKOVIC: This 27-year-old joined Yugosla-via's international squad last year. Won a championship medal with previous club Dynamo Zagreb, where he was a teammate of Eddie Krnce-

BOSKO DJUROVSKI: Made his full intenational debut as substitute against Wales in 1982. A resolute defender, the 25-year-old has yet to establish himself in Yugoslav side.

himself in Yugoslav side.

MITAR MRKELA: The 18year-old "wonder boy" moved
from Partizan last year. He
made his full international
debut while still at school
early in 1982. An exciting striker, many expect him to be the
sensation of the European
Championship in June.

MILAN JOVIN: Able to play at right or centre back, he has made sporadic appearances for Yugoslavia since his debut in 1979. A member of Red Star's UEFA Cup final side. Age: 29.





The Red Star stadium in Belgrade.



England strives for a brave new world

England will attempt to regain its position as a lead-ing football nation by pouring massive funds into a school of excellence for 14 to 15 year olds.

year olds.

The scheme, a lifetime dream of England manager Bobby Robson, has been made possible through a four-year sponsorship deal announced by General Motors, the American company, which is believes to amount to about \$1.56 million.

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English Football Association secretary Ted Grober said the idea was that the best and the idea was that the best and the property of the property of

Robson said it would take eight years for their labours to bear fruit and there was no guarantee that brilliant international footballers would be the result. A less cautious view came from Arsenal manager and England coach Don Howe who said: "It's the best thing to happen to English football since winning the World Cup in 1966."

'Aussies can't play soccer': Johnston

Australian-born player Craig Johnston admitted in an interview with "The Star" newspaper in London that his big mouth often has landed him in trouble in England.

Trouble In England.

The 23-year-old Johnston never pulls punches in his interviews with the Press and openly has criticised the management at Middlesbrough, where he started his English career, and Liverpool.

Johnston recently asked Liverpool for a transfer after being dropped from the first toam and criticising manager Joe Fagan.

He was not granted the transfer. Many critics

believe the reason was that Liverpool sees him as a successor to champion midfielder Kenny Dal-glish.

Johnston seems to have comented a first team place at Liverpool now, with some fine perform-ances, but should he lose his spot, he probably will give manager Fagan another blast.

"I can't help it," Johnston said. "My mouth tends to get me into trouble. This was part of the reason I had to leave Middlesborough.

"I told a few truths about the chairman. People up there hate me now. They delight in spitting on

me.
"Near the end of my stay at Syresome Park they kicked my car in, smashed all the windows and burgled my house twice."
Johnston has not had to endure treatment like

that at Livurpool, where he said he wants to be a team player, not a squad member. ''If staying at Liverpool means being dropped now and again, I'll leave tomorrow,'' he said. '''If I'm out of the team I'm like a hear with a sore head. I want to be in there fighting — all the

time."
Johnston, though, has no dillusions of grandeur
about his status as a player.
"I've no pretentions to having any great skill,
so don't call me great," he said. "Just good.

so don't cau me greut, he said. Work your, "In my midfield position I can rely on Graham Sourness and Kenny Dalglish to guide me along so I don't need a football brain or tactical awareness, which I don't believe I possess anyway. "Football brains are born into you. That's why we Aussies can't play soccer, 'cost it's not been bred down the generations."



Craig Johnston

Youths of '81 **WYC** star for Uruguay

By PAUL MOON

Three members of Uruguay's 1 9 8 1 W o r I d Y o u t h Championship side, which flat-tered to deceive and lost to Rumania in its Melbourne quarter final, were vital cogs in their country's Copa America winning team last November.

Disappointing in Australia two years ago, Nelson Gutierrez, Carlos Aguilera and Enzo Francescoli now can be considered national

It was Aguilera's trophy-securing goal, just 15 minutes from the end of the second leg of the final against Brazil in Uberlandia, which inspired wild celebrations throughout South America's smallest republic.

Still only 19 years of age, Aguilera now has justifiable claims to being Uruguay's best player and certainly was the revelation of the Copa. He finished 8th in America's Player of the Year poll.

Small, nuggety and quick, he can play anywhere in attack, but is probably best on the right wing where his exceptional dribbling ability can take its full toll.

Bought from River Plate (Montevideo) for

\$250,000 last year, Aguilera helped his new club, Nacional, win the 1983 Uruguayan championship.

Almost equally revered, though for vastly different reasons, Gutierrez displays the other face of Latin American football — the robust, cynical defender, who is intent upon stopping an opposing forward by whatever means possible.

an opposing forward by whatever means possible.

Yet, Gutierrez has skill — sufficient enough for him to be utilised as an international class i., zero for both Uruguay and his club Penarol.

Despite his tender age, he already has played for Copa Libertadores, Toyou Cup and, now. Copa America winning sides.

Enzo Francescoli came of age in the Copa America, fulfilling some of the potential which Buenos Aires River Plate obviously detected when paying Wanderers \$570,000 to acquire him last April.

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and Gabor tops too

Romulos Gabor, voted best player of the 1981 World Youth Cup, has estab-lished himself as a vital cog in the Rumanian senior side which, somewhat surpris-ingly, headed Sweden, Italy and Czechoslovakia to quali-fy for the European finals.

Making his full inter-national debut against Switzerland a month after retur-ning from Australia, Gabor was far from an immediate success at this level — being either substitute or substituted 11 times in a run of 17 appearances.

During the latter stages of the European Championship qualifying round though, he "came of age" looking every bit the part of a seasoned campaigner.

Remembered as a left winger in Melbourne and Adelaide, Gabor now plays alongside the big, bustling Rodion Camataru as Ruma-nia's spearhead.

only one other bronze modallist from three years ago played a part in the latest Rumanian triumph. Powerful sweeper Mirch Radic has graduated to senior international status — proving to be one of his country's most consistent performers over the past year.

- PAUL MOON

Alan Hudson back

Alan Hudson is back in English League soccer with Stoke City after playing in North America for four years.

The former Chelsea, Stoke, Arsenal and England star is on a one-month toan to Stoke from Chelsea, the club he joined on his return from America.

It is Hudson's second stint with both Chelsea and Stoke City and he hopes Stoke signs him, especially after his brilliant performance against Arsenal recently.

Speaking on BBC Radio after the 0-3 defeat at West Ham, Hudson said: "I've got a heli of a lot to prove. I've got to throw so much into one month it's unbelievable. I've got to prove to so many people I'm worth Stoke keeping me on, and even if Stoke don't keep me on someone else might be interested.

ested.
"I feel that I can get success because I'm determined to do
it. I don't care about people having a go at me in the papers
and on the television. That's all in the past now. Someone
even had a knock at me on Saturday after the match and said
I'm inconsistent. That's a load of bull. I think my strength is
my consistency and my determination to do well and I just
wish people would get off my back."

— WALTER PLESS.

Foreigners OK in Italy

The Italian Federation has confirmed that Series A teams will retain their right to field two foreign players next season. The decision was made despite objections from Series B and C clubs, who fear a widening gap between Italy's elite clubs and themselves.

However, as a measure to aid Italy's World Cup chances, no new foreigners can be acquired betwen June of this year and the 1986 Mundial.

Imports who have yet to prove worth — Hansi Mueller and Luther Blissett are among the most obvious — will have until the end of the current season to justify their presence. It is unlikely that clubs will persevere with them, knowing they cannot recruit replacements for two years.

Cameroon in Olympics

Cameroon assured itself of a place in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympies football tournament after drawing 1-1 with Ethlopia in their second leg final round qualifying clash.

The 4-0 victory established during the first leg clinched victory for Cameroon on a comfortable 5-1 aggregate.

Cameroon is now certain to be one of the three teams to represent Africa at the Los Angeles Olympics.

Midfielder Hunde opened the scoring for Cameroon in the 50th minute when he scored from outside the penalty area, Ethlopia equalising 10 minutes later through winger Bitew Abire.





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endario della Lega Nazionale e veramente qualcosa di geniale

La nuova Lega Nazionale a due gironi dara Il calcio d'inizio alla stagione 1984 fra due settimane, e precisamente il week-end del 3 e 4 marzo. Oltre al nuovo formato, la com-petizione e' particolarmente interessante quest'anno per la tifoseria italiana con l'inclu-sione della Juventus di Melbourne nel campionato nazionale.

Indubbiamente pero' la maggior parte dei tifosi, non solo italiani, sara molto con-fusa dal calendario della com-pettione, cerchiamo percio' di far luce su questo piccolo

Innanzitutto e' bene met-tersi in mente che questo calendario e' comprensibile e funzionera', invace di decidere a priori iche e' impossibile capirci qualcosa e che solo Dio sa coas succedera' di setti-mana in settimana.

Quindi bisogna non farsi onfondere dalla complicata omenclatura usata per dis-inguere i due gironi e le se-ioni che formano i gironi.

Alla resa dei conti, abbiamo due gironi (e fini qui e' tutto semplice, anche se invece di gironi și chiamano "conferenze"); per renderci la vita plur facile chiameremo il girone di Sydney "Girone Nord" ("Australian Conference") e quello di Melbourne "Girone Sud" ("National Conference"), (anche se sappiamo benissimo che Brisbane, geograficamente, e' plu' a Nord di Sydney, ma nel calcio australiano ogni tanto è necessario Norda di dei secondo lo specchietto che riproduciamo in questa pagina.

pagnia.

Le squadre della sezione A
del Girone Nord giocheranno
andata/ritorno con tutte le
altre squadre della stess sezione (18 partite); una volta
sola con le squadre della sezione B dello stesso girone (2
partite); una volta sola con le
squadre della sezione C del
Girone Sud (2 partite). Quindi
ci sara' Marconi-Apia e ApiaMarconi, ma solo Apia-Brisbane City, Apia-Brisbane
Lions, Apia-Adelaide City e

Apia-West Adelaide (per queste partite senza "ritorno" il camp di "casa" viene deciso dalla NSL con un calcolo biennale). In totale vi saranno 22 partite "Normali".

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Piu' o meno la stessa cosa per il Girone Sud dove le squadre della sezione A (che sono 8, invece di 10 come nel Girone Nord), giocheranno andata/ritorno con tutte le altre squadre della sessa sezione della sezione B dello stesso gitone (18 partite), una volta sola con le squadre della sezione C della setsso gitone (2 partite), una volta sola con le squadre della sexione B del Girone Nord (2 partite). Quindi ci sara' Juventus-Heidelberg e Heidelberg-Juventus, Juventus-Candella della sexione B del Girone Nord (2 partite). Quindi ci sara' Juventus-Heidelberg e Heidelberg-Juventus, Juventus-Candella della sexione B del control della sexione B della sexione B del control della sexione B del control della sexione B della sexione B del control della sexione B dell partite senza "ritorno" de-cidera' la Lega quale e' il campo di "casa"). In totale vi saranno 22 partite "normali".

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E fin qui dovremmo esserci
con le partite "normali", cioe'
quelle fisse di calendario.
Quindi fermiamoci un attimo a
fare la prima considerazione
importante: con questo sistema apparentemente complicato ma in effetti molto
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semplicato ma carattere
nazionale e' quanto mai reale
poiche' le squadre di Melbourne giocano contro le
squadre di Adelalde, di Brisbane, di Canberra e di Newcastile.

E quelle di Sydney? Ed anche per queste e' stato tro-vato il modo di farte in-contrare con le squadre di Melbourne con l'invenzione dei 'challenge matches'', cioe' 'partite s'fida'', tre volte al-l'anno (settima, diciottesima e ventitresima giornata) le

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 Preston-Makedonia
 Footscray-JUST
 Melb. Croatia

Mem. Cruetta
 Juventus
 T. Green Gully Ajax
 Sun.-George Cross
 Sezione B
 Adebide City Juventus

2. West Adelaide Hellas

Sezione C

Saziona A

- Sezone A

 1. APIA-Leichhardt

 2. Blacktown

 3. Marconi

 4. Melita Eagles

 5. Syd. Olympic

 6. Penrich Utd.

 7. St. George Budapest

 8. Sydney City Hakoah

 9. Sydney Croatia

 10. Wollengung

Sezione B 1 Canberra Arrows 2 Newcastle KB Utd.

partite "normali" vengono sospese e ogni squadra del Girone Nord giochera' con la squadra del Girone Nord giochera' con la squadra del Girone Sud che si trova nella stessa posizione in classifica cioce' la prima in classifica del Girone Nord con la prima in classifica del Girone Nord con la prima in classifica del Girone Sud, la seconda con la seconda e via di seguito. Con questi "challange matches" l'incrocio di tutte le 24 squadre diventa totale (ammenoche' le classifiche non produrranno delle incredibili concidenze a costi 'unigo intervalli di tempo) ed il numero delle partite giocate da ogni squadra sale a Zs.

Inoltre altre tre volte al-

Inoltre altre tre volte al-l'anno vi saranno "challange matches" fra le squadre dello stesso girone (chiamati "intra conference", mentre le altre fra i due gironi si chiamano "Inter conference"); in questo caso la prima in classifica in-contra le seconda in classifica la terza incontra la quarta, e così" via.

la terza incoura la quarta, e cost via.

La prima giornata del compionato è appunto una "intra conference challange, ma non essendoci ancora una classifica, gli accoppiamenti sono stati fatti dalla NSL cercando di craere partite di cartello ed evitare viaggi. Questo tipo di "challange matches", oltre ad incrociare ulteriormente le squadre dello stesso girone, apportera "un certo livellamento dei valori e probabilmente maggiore interesse dando alle squadre di fondo classifica l'opportunita" di guadagnare due punti contro squadre della stessa levatura di fondo classifica l'opportunita" di guadagnare due punti contro squadre della stessa portata. Anche questi "intra contro squadre della stessa portata. Anche questi "intra conterone challenge rounds" produrranno tre partite, portando il totale a 28 e concludendo il compionato il week-end del 6 e 7 ottobre.

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A conclusione del campionato ci sara' una finale a cinque in tutti e due i gironi che si concludera' con la gran finale di girone il 23 ottobre; le due vincitrici delle gran finale di girone si incontreranno per la finalissima nazionale su base di due partite (andata e ritorno), giovedi'l e domenica 4 novembre.

Ultima nota, dopo la dodice-sima giornata il campionato osservera' quattro settimane di sosta durante le quali ci sa-ranno partite internazionali

1. Brisbane City 2. Brisbane Lions Ed una precisazione: i punti conquistati nelle partite "challenge" saranno validi per la classifica del girone di appartenze delle squadre.

appartenze deile square.

Cosi', tutto sommato, il nuovo sistema dei due gironi e' indubbiamente una trovata geniale che conserva il carattere nazionale della competizione, ellma il costante viaggiare delle squadre e crae viaggiare delle squadre e crae quali assisteranno i titosi di ambedue le squadre. Naturalmente però, essendo una cosa vuova e minuziosamente organizzata, e' sempre possible che possa intervenire qualche maleaugurato intoppo. C'e' da augurarsi però' che tutto fili dritto e che alla fine della stagione il calcio australiano abbia fatto un ulteriore passo avanti.

COPPA NOTURNA

Tornando al calcio attuale; dopo l'eliminazione della Juventus dalla coppa notturna, la competizione si avvia alla sua conclusione con la finale di sabato prossimo (8 pm) fra Croatia e South Melbourne Hellas.

Hellas.

I croati hanno surclassato il
JUST per 4-0 mentre i greci
hanno sudato le proverbiali
sette camicie per aver ragione
del Preston (alla fine hanno
prevalse con i rigori dopo un
risultato ad occhiali 2 conclusione dei tempi supplementari).

mentari).

A proposito della partita Hellas-Preston, nonostante la mancanza di marcature, e' stata una delle plu' inter-essanti partite che abbiamo visto da lungo tempo e i quasi 10.000 spettatori (incasso di crea \$40 - 50,001) certamente hanno assistito ad uno spettacolo che valeva i \$\$ di entra. Partite del genere, plu' di ogni provvedimento amministrativo, saranno quelle che rimetteranno per strada il calcio australiano. La finale di sabato fra Hellas e Croatia non dovrebbe essere da meno.

BUFFALO CUP

Nell'ultima giornata di eli-minatorie della "Buffalo Cup" il Fawkner ha bttuto il St Albans per 2-1 senza pero' rius-cire a qualificarsi per le semi-finali.

I ragazzi di Jukes Road

hanno concluso con 9 punti, come il Polonia, ma sono stati condannati dal quoziente reti. Considerando che fino ad ora la squadra ha impiegato molti giovani giocatori questo risultato e di tutto rispetto e fa ben presagire per il campionato, quando ulteriori rinforzi sarranno arrivati (Frank McLeod Peter Boyle Dovrebbero firmare in questi giorni).

Purtroppo pero' la partita contro il St Albans probabitmente significhera' la fine della stagione 1894 per Les Gooney che solo las settimena scoresa aveva ripreso a giocare dopo un anno di assenza a causa dell'infortunio all ginochio; questa volta sembra che gooney abbia subito un altro incidente allo stesso ginocchio e dovra' sottoporsi ad operazione.

Le semifinali della Buffalo Cup vedranno percio' in lizza Morwell (che ha pareggiato con il Broadmeadows) contro Box Hill e Polonia contro Knox con il Broadmeadows) contro Sox Hill e Polonia contro Knox City e le partite avranoa luogo domenica prosssima. A Morwell! Se questa dicisione sul terreno da gioco può sembrare un po' generosa verso il Morwell (facedno viagiare tre squadre da Melbouren con pochissimi del loro pochi tifosi disposti a seguiril) non bisogna dimenticare che la VSF, nella sua infinita saggezza, pensa anora alla decentralizzazione del calcio in quesso stato! Portuna loro che il Morwell non e' semplicemente una anche e soprattuato un club sociale organizzatissimo, attendimentativo, altriminanti con controlla del VSE andrebbe a farsi proprio benedire.

UNA INTERESSANTE PUBBLICAZIONE

A chi non l'avesse ancora acquistato, suggeriamo di ac-quistare una copia di "Natio-nal Soccer Annual", una pub-blicazione annuale del nostro giornale, che tutti i tifosi di calcio dovrebbero avere.

La rivista e' piena zeppa di statistiche e porta tutte le classifiche del campionato nazionale dalla sua formazione e del campionato statale del Victoria sin dalla formazione della State League (1983, anno ne ui il campionato fu vinto dalla Juventus), e i vincitori delle varie coppe (semifinali e finali).

Quanti ricorderanno, per esempio, che nel 1958 la Juven-tus, dopo aver vinto il cam-jonato con quattro punti di dis-tacco dalla Wilhelmina, fu bat-tuta dalla squadra olandese per 0-2 nella finale della Dock-cty. Cuo 2. Quanti sanoranno erty Cup? Quanti sappranno quante partite in nazionale ha giocato Giacometti? O quante reti ha segnato Tommy McColl in nazionale?

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Croatia's Dave Brogan (right) scores the first of his three goals against J.U.S.T last Saturday night. Other players pictured, from right: Vlatko Belic, Slobodan Stoj-cevski, Jim Davis, Steve Gojevic.



Brian Q'Donnell (J.U.S.T.) and Josip Biskic (Croatia)
 a heading duel during the Buffalo Summer Cup semi-final at Olympic Park last Saturday.

Sydney 'five years behind Melbourne

"Australian soccer is 10 years behind Europe, and Sydney is five years behind Melbourne."

So says prominent Sydney soccer identity Kaz Kulak

"Sydney led the way in soccer for so long, but now Melbourne as taken over," Kulak said
Kulak has been promoted in his job, and so is unable to coach

He has been associated in the past with Polonia, Sydney Olym-pic and Canterbury-Marrickville among others. Kulak also has some very definite ideas about the national

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"If we employ a national coach only on a part-time basis, we will never go forward," he said.

He's right behind Les Scheinflug, but believes Scheinflug should be appointed full-time. "He's a tremendous person, he's a local guy, and he's got a great record," Kulak said.

Redmond a windfall

Canberra Arrows could have picked up the bargain of the year in 22-year-old English migrant Tony Redmond, a recent arrival with permanent resident status. He walked in 'off the street' so to speak, looking for a game.

And in pre-seaon trials the youngster has looked impressive. Big and strong, he reads a game well and could be Canberra's replacement for Terry Byrne whose career could be ended permanently after a close-season tragedy.

"I've been very impressed with young Redmond," said Canberra's coach Doug Collins. "He is quick, trains hard and tackles equally hard. I think he'll make the grade in the NSL."

- PETER WINDSOR



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MAQUAN TA KUPIA KI' EHAEAN TA KOYTPA CANAL CHE HEGGES SEE

Τελικά και πρός λύπη τών έχθρών της Ελ λάς πού περίμεναν συνέχειες, δ Δέν Νακέ ντρυ καί δ διεθνής 'Αλαν Νταίηβινσον, έ δωσαν τά γέρια και τά βρήκαν γιά τό κα

' έτσι έληξε ή περιπέτεια αυτή που άπασ χολούσε τους φίλους της κυανδλευκης δμάδας και που όλοι είχαν ταχθεί υπέρ του συμπαθή "κινέζου".

μάντως το χαστούκε το έφαγαν πέλε οι δήθεν φίλοι της ΄ Άλάς πού περίμεναν νά δούν πάλι φαγωμέν μέσα στόν (στορικό

ΟΧΙ ΔΥΟ ΑΛΛΑ ΧΙΛΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΩΠΑ

Αίγο μετά τον υμκηφόρο άγωνα της Έλλάς τής πρέστου την περασμένη Παρασκευή είδαμε μέσα στά άποδυτήρια τής έλληνι κής δμάδας πολ ά άτομα μεταξύ των δποίκαι άνθρωπους έχθρούς του Πακέντρυ οί δποίοι μέ πικρό χαμόγελο πήγαν καί τού έσωιξαν τό χέρι.

Εκείνη τή στιγμή κορυφαίος παράγων πού είδε την κίνηση είπε: "Κύττα φίλε μου οί άνθρωποι δέν έχουν δυδ πρόσωπα άλλά...

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Τό σκόρ άνοιξε δ Πέτρος Πετρόπουλος μέ δυνατό σούτ έξω άπό την περιοχή στό Ι?' καί στό 23' δ Πορτρίγκες μέ έξυπνο πλα σάρισμα έκανε το 2-0.

Στην Επανάληψη και στό 55' μετά ωραία

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της, Καράλιαμης, Λορέντζι (55' Γκελμπερίδης) Ότούλ, Πελεγρίνο, Πορτρίγκες, Πετρόπουλος, Χρόνης (Βλαχάκης), "Αυδριώτης και Φάκος.

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Καλότερη ή Ένωση Ποντίων νίκησε δίκαια τό YCW 2-0 καί μπήκε στον τελικό πού θά

γίνει την Κυριακή. Τό σκόρ άνοιξε δ Κουλούκας στό Α΄ μέρος και δ Χρ.Κουϊρουκίδης έγραφε τδ 2-0 στδ 75' דה סטעמעדחסחב.

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Στίς 2.30 τδ ΣΚΟΡΕΣΜΠΥ θά παίξει μέ τδ -YON YEE THE 37 Hal 47 BEON.

Στίς 4.30 μ.μ. θά γίνει δ τελικός μεταξό της γηπεδούχου καί διοργανώτριας ΙΝΩ THE HONTION HAL TOO HAI TON KIA.

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Ρίτσμοντ και μάλιστα με χρηματικά ποσά γιά τούς νικητές.

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TO TOYPHOYA MON HANAIHAXDE

Ή μεγάλη ζέστη δέν έμπόδισε τούς παλαι μάχους στό τουρνουά τού Πορντιάλλοκ καί οί άγωνες έγιναν κανονικά γιά νά ξεχωρί GOUN & KAAPI TA, TO EMPIREATEA, TO I TO. HAR HOL TO ... PI KBAINA PICYN. YEC τούς ήμιτελιμούς άγώνες πού θά γένουν την έρχόμενη πυριακή στό γήπεδο τού Νορ υτιάλλοκ.

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NOCNOG KUPA
Hellas i Croatia su sasvim
zasvim zasluzeno dospeli u
finale Nocnog Buffalo Kupa,
gre su sen ajbolje i na vreme
pripremili za ovu vrstu takmicenja van sezone. Nesreca je
enastavila da prati "plave",
koji su neocekivano usli u polufinale sa prepolovljenim
tmom Naporna utakmica u
sredu uvece drugi je razlog
teskog poraza protiv Croatije,
kojo je sve polazilo za nogom
prošle subore.
Bez obzira sto nisu igrali
Bolnad, Paton, Kiri, Karic,
Taylor i Lujic prvo poluvreme,
UST je magoa takticki da izbegne neugodan poraz, ali na
zolost nije bilo sistema ni razgovo da paralitarje opasna
ruvala Croatije. Osim iskusnog
kapitena Igora Hazabenta, koji
je stavio u mali dzep Tomy
Cumminga, svi ostali su igrali
neodgovorno, tako da sue
Josip Biskic, Steve Gojevic i
pavid Brogan setali slobodno
neometano kao da su na promenadi. Gde su bili i sta su
radili Gary McDowell i Brian
Davies upustao u neoptrebne
menani daca ka brobeni Tutill.
Neko od njih moao je igrati
poslednjeg coveka, jer se Jim
Davies upustao u neoptrebne
avanture zbog cega je bio odsustan kada su padali golovi.
Bas zado sto su umor i povrede
prepolovili JUSTovu snagu,
ostali su morali da igraju odgovorno i sporazumno. Opraostali su moralu povrede
prepolovili su povazavali prostavili provenili povazavali proprepolovili JUSTovu snagu, ostali su morail da igraju odgovorno i sporazumno. Opravdanje je da nisu poznavali protivnika, koji je igrao sa promenljivom formon sve tri
utakmice, sto je mozda deo taktike trenera Croatije. U svodino incipalija i gravinsta proposali proniste Brogana, trener moze da menja taktiku a da ne odstupi od cilja. Ali treba zapamiti da pod malo jacim pritiskom odbrana Croatije moze opopustiti lakse nego Makedonija i JUST, de najsladje zrtve "crvene" momcadi.

A kako je JUST majao da urgrozi protivnika, kada se jedini suprotivnika, kada se jedini sutirao no protivnicki gol. Navala se donekle osvezila sa ulaskom povedjenog Zdravka

Navala se donekle osvezila sa ulaskom povredjenog Zdravka Lujica, ali za kratko vreme. Dok za JUSTov poraz ima stotinu opravdanja (istina uvek nedovoljna za navijace), dotle je Makedonija sama bila

gospodar svoje sudbine, ali je bila zrtva zivaca svojih igraca. U svakom slucaju Makedonija moze biti zadovoljna sa postignutim rezultatom, jer je nocni kup pocela potpuno nespremna Steta, sto nije u finali iz finasijskih razloga, jer u ovom trenutku ima najvise navijaca u Melburnu, a mozda i citavoj Nacionalnoj ligi. Finalna utakmica igra se iduce subote, 25 februara na Olympic Parku. Pocetak u 8 uvece. Favorit je Hellas, ali ne treba nasi iznenaditi produzetak, cak i izvodjenje jedanaesteraca. Pitanje je kakva ce biti poseta, jer je ljubitelje fudbala oterala visoka cena ulauncia. Ne treba zaboraviti da prvenstveno u etnickim redovima, odakle dolazi gro fudbalskih pristalica.

PRVENSTVO NA PRAGU

PHUNNTUO NA PRAGU

Norni kup je poslužio za pripreme i otkrio nas sanse svii
kubova promensu Nacionaine lige, koja pocinje u nedelju 4 marta sa sledecim
utakmicama u Nacionalnoj
konferenci ji Makedonija v
JUST. Hellas v. Alexander,
Geore Cross v. Ajax, Juventus
v. Croatia, West Adelaide U.
Brisbane Lions.
Dok ce svi klubovi biti

V. Cródita, west Adelaide City, Brisbane City v. Brisbane Lions. Dok ce svi klubovi biti spremni za start, JUST ce jos uvek lectit rane i prikupljati rasturene snage. Kiri nece moci da igra prvu utakmicu, jer je suspendovan na kraji opena, oji oje ne oprastaji. U zgledu je da JUST dovede najmanje jednog velikog jerace iz Jugoslavije, ali na njega ne treba racunati prvih nekoliko koja. Trener Bobby McLachan trazi n domacem trzistu jos jednog ili dvojicu sto nije iako naci, ali nada postoji. Makedonija isto tako na trzistu za ios jednog igraca najmanje. Nece nas iznenaditi ako i on bude dosao iz Jugoslavije. Navodno Croatia ocekuje jednog igraca iz Jugoslavije. Navodno Croatia ocekuje jednog igraca iz Spita, dok Alexander ne zna sta ce sa novcem od prodatih igraca. Svi dosad snji pregovorni pali su u vodu a prvenstov je na pragu. Australijanska koferencija

pragu. Australijanska koferencija dobila je cudan naziv, iako je okupila samo klubove iz Novag Juznog Velsa. Procice dosta vremena dok l

jubitel ji fudbala shvate novi nacin takmicenja, ali treba imati strpljenja.

DOCKERTY KUP

Prosle nedelje odigrano je drugo provizionalno kolo za Docerty Kup, koje su preziveli samo dva nasa kluba. North Dandenong pobedio je Ringwood/SRBIJU sa 5 02.00 na Quamby Reserven i Ringwood/SRBIJU sa 5 02.00 na Quamby Reserven i Ringwood/SRBIJU sa 5 02.00 na Quamby Reserven i Ringwood/SRBIJU sa 5 02.00 na province na poe Rujevic nema porsku svih igraca, koji se jos uvek odmaraju zbog cega Srbija igra nekomjetna. Nije se jos pojavio Jimmy Milisavljevic, nema i Dragana Dejanovica, da ne spominjemo Skote i Engleze, kojima se ne dopada novi kurs kluba Occkivao se prelazak Pavla Simica, ali ni on nije Ostvareniz finansijskih razdoga.

U predigri su se asstali nalisti omladinskog turnira "Srbija 1984". Pobednik je Cartton, 1912. Pobednik je Cartton, 1912. Pobednik je Cartton, 1912. Pobednik je Cartton, 1912. Pobednik je dolada da u prvom kolu nije slucajno pobedila Bratstvo/Jedinstovo. U drugom kolu SLOGA je ubedljivo savladala favorita Melbourne/Hungariju sa 3:1 (1:0). Da je bilo sportske srece rezultat je mogao bit duplo veci. Sva iradi lepe sanse Ljuba Stojanovic i Boge Kraleski. Igra je bila na Zavidnoj visini i odusvella nekoliko stotine gledalaca na Victoria Drive Reserve u Drimanstowau. Sastav Sloge Moment pri je bila na Zavidnoj visini i odusvella nekoliko stotine gledalaca na Nictoria Drive Reserve u Bromasnowau. Sastav Sloge Moment pri je bila na Zavidnoj visini i odusvella nekoliko stotine gledalaca na Victoria Drive Reserve u Drimanstowau. Sastav Sloge Moment pri je bila na Zavidnoj visini i odusvella nekoliko stotine gledalaca na Victoria Drive Reserve u Dromasnowau. Sastav Sloge Moment pri je bila na Zavidnoj visini i odusvella nekoliko stotine gledalaca na Victoria Drive Reserve u Dromasnowau. Sastav Sloge Moment pri je bila na Zavidnoj visini i odusvella nekoliko stotine gledalaca na Victoria Drive Reserve u Dromasnowa. Od 10:00 provinski je igrao grubo sto je sudija tolerisao. Od 10:00 provinski je igrao grubo sto je sudija tolerisao. Od 10:00 provinski je igrao grubo sto je sudija tolerisao. Slobad

Slobodan kitanovski (Ace Ristevski od 50. minuta), jonce Servoski, Trajce Jova-novski, Borce Gelevski, Cele Talevski, Venco Bozinovski, Fred Beller, Trajce Atano-savski, Basin Bojkovic, Naj-bolji igraci Boris Gelevski, Jonce Serovski i Fred Bel-ler. Njie igrao Mendo Ri-stovski, koji trazi novi klub.

METROPOLITAN KUP

Posto su zavrsene prelimi-irne utakmice za Dockerty Posto su zavrsene prelimi-narne utakmice za Dockerty Kup, prvo potpuno kolo igrace se kasnije, ali zato pocinju tak-micenja za Metropolitan i Provisonal kupove. Za Metropolitan kup nasi klubovi igraju sledece utak-mice u subotu 25, februara: Ringwood United/SRBIJA v. Altona Gate/VARDAR. Ovaj mali derbi nasih kluba igra se na Quambee Reserve, Wonga Road, North Ringwood, My 36 B.11. Springvale Utd/BRATSTVO I JEDINSTOV v. Holland Park na igralistu Jugoslovenskog

1 JEDINSTOV v. Holland Park na igralistu Jugoslovenskog radnickog centra, Lot 16 Perry Rd., Keysborough. Obe utakmice pcinju u 2, 45 po podne. Ako rezultat bude neresen igra se produzetak 2 x 10 minuta, a zatim se izvode panli.

U subotua 25. februara igra

U subotua 25. februara igra e prvo preliminaron kolo za Provizionalni kup (rezervni timovi) Sve utakmice pocinjiu 1,00 p podne Pravila su istako za Metropolitan ku u stucaju neresenog rezultata. Ju ovom kupu igfra se jedan Jugo derbi. Na Burnely Ovalu u Richmondu sastuju se Bosna United i Altonar/Vojvodina. Na Como Parku Central City/Crvena zvezda docekuje Diamond Valley.

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Rezultatai plufinalnih utakmica: Pascoe Vale/PELISTER — Mecco Holding 2:2 (0:2). Oba gola za Pelister postigao je Tony centarrino. Posto ni pro-duzetak igre nije doneo pro-menu rezultata, pobednika su odlucili jedanaesterca. Po-bedio je Pelister sa 5:4. Mladi tim Makedonije —Re-serva Lalor (5) OCE 8:0 (3:0).

władi tim Makedonije —Re-zerva Lalor/SLOGE 6:0 (3:0). FINALE

Pelister — Malid tim Makedonije 1:0 (0:0) Jedini gol postigao je Jani Bogeski, zvani Ardiles, iz Jedaneserca, koji je sudija opravdano dosudio posto je golman mlado tima Makedonije rukama oborio Borisa Cosica.

SAGREVAJU SE I JUNIORI

Juniori startuju pocetkom aprila, ali ce pre toga uces-tovavati n raznim turnirima svojih zone i divizija.

JUSTovi juniori su poceli sa treninzima pocetkom februara Trenira se jos uvek na Henry Turner Reserve u Footscray Parku dok n ocvrsne trava na poinocnim igralistima pored glavnog JUSTovog stadiona Juniorski odbor je narucio svlacionicu, koja ce mnogo pomeci malisanima, jer su se do sada svlacili pod vedrim nebom. Obliznja opstinska zgrađa, podignuta u sportske svrhe, sluzi za tocenje piva i zabavu Cricket i Rules klubova, koji postoje samo papiru. JUSTovi juniori su poceli sa

Juniori JUSTa ispod 16
godina odigrali su prvu prigateljsku utanicu prosle nedijels utanicu prosle nedijels utanicu prosle nedijels protiv Northern Uniteda.
"Plavi" su pobedili sa 7-3
(3.1). Strelci. Tony Zezovski.
3. Goce Nedeklovski 2 J John Atanasiadis 2. Sledece nedelje
JUSTov tim ispod 16 godina igra protiv Western Uniteda.

JUSTOVI juniori ispod 12 godina igraju u utorak 22 februara protiv Fawhera na Henry Turner Reserve. Pocetak u 6 uvece. U nedelju 26 februara sataju se juniori JUSTa i Heliasa ispod 12 godina na Middle Parku. Pocetak u 10 casova pre podne.

"PLAVI GOSTILIU U AL-BURYJU'

BURYJU"

Miadi tim JUSTa pojacan sa nekoliko prvotimaca odigrace prijateljsku utakmicu protiv Albury Citya u subotu 25 februara. U predigri se sastaju JUSTovi juniori ispod 17 godina i lokalna reprezentaci-ja Oba JUSTova tima krecu autobusom ispred JUSTova grafista u 8 pre podne. "Plavu" ekspediciju docekace uprava Albury Citya sa druge Strane mosta kod Muzeja, gde se nalazi veliki crveni tocak simbol ovog grada.

CENTRA CITY/CRVENA ZVEZDA

Ambiciozna uprava Crvene vezede preuzela je Central City i takmici se ove godine u prvoj provicionalnoj diviziji. Zelia je svih da se vec u prvoj sezoni osvoji provo mesto. Aktivni menadzer prvog tima Toma Milenkovic uspeo je da porpise sledece nove igrace: Ivica Karic, Zoran i Petar Krnic iz JUSTa, Slavko Visic iz Hawksburna, Petar Visic iz iz Hawksburna, Petar Visic iz Bartastava Jedinistva. Goran

Dragojeviciz Bratstava/Jedinstva, Goran Simic iz Carlton/Mladosti, Miki Cvetkovski iz Altone/-Vojvodine i Miodrag Velicko-vic iz Bosne.

Obadva tima Svede redovno trenira ju ponedljkom i sredom od 7 uvece n Como Parku Atmosfera je divna i sa nestrpljenjem se ocekuje nestrpljenjem s pocetak prvenstva.

Prva nastupa rezerva, koja u subotu 25. februara igra 2a Provizionalni kup protiv Dia-mond Valleya. Istog dana od 7 uvece Zvezda odrzava prvu ovogodisnju zabavu u St. Albans Public Hallu. Program ce popuniti JUSTova folklorna groupa. Ulaznice se mogu nabaviti unapred telefonom: 37 3048 (Nikola Milenkovic), 396 675 (Toma Milenkovic), 365 5133 (Srba Simic(, 547 7820 (Slavko Drljic).

Overseas results

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